US reviews

Soviet attack

This is the second of three articles in which Henry Stan-hope, our Defence Correspon-

dent, examines the Soviet

threat to Central Europe. Yesterday he looked at the

build-up of Soviet conven-tional forces in Eastern Europe. Today he turns to the ability of the Warsaw

Pact's conventional forces to

by surprise

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## Rhodesians destroy **Mozambique** camps

sian troops have killed 41 Rhodesian n guerrillas in a raid into Mozambique and lestroyed three camps used by the guerrillas, ilitary authorities said in Salisbury. They iere had been no Rhodesian casualties and l a Mozambican claim that two Rhodesian aircraft and a helicopter had been shot

## 0-mile incursion on econd day of attack

sian troops have pen-more than 50 miles into ique and destroyed mps used by Rhodesian is killing 41 guerrillas operation sterday. There were no

nilitary authorities here ed today that at 8.30 am k had been launched on rilla headquarters and pply base in the area of A communique claimed camp was the control th-east of Rhodesia and e camp had been destogether with large ies of weapons, ammuni-plosives and equipment. incursion was first ced yesterday, only hours

began, when a military nique said that a guer-imp three miles inside pique had been overrun desian troops supported rament sources here say uth-castern border has become a particularly

war area and that this hy the incursion, desas a hor pursuit raid, had place. According to one ment source, the Rhoderoops were likely to inside Mozambique for me with the intention of aly wiping out all

: is concern in official s that the guerrillas will to increase their opera-n an attempt to bring influence to bear on the

desian forces launched a big attack on Mapai at the end of June last year, killing at least

Although the main aim of the attacks appears to be to strike at camps belonging to the Rhodesian guertillas, other targets have also been hit including bridges, trains and civilian settlements. The biggest raid occurred last August when a force attacked a United Nations sponsored \_\_camp \_\_for Rhodesian refugees, killing an estimated 700 people,

The latest attack took place during a visit to Maputo by an Anglo-American team led by a British diplomat, Mr John Graham, and Mr Stephen Low, the American Ambassador to Zambia, for talks about the new Rhodesian peace initiative.
During their one-day visit they had meetings with Mr Robert Mugabe, joint leader of the Patriotic Front, and Mr Armando Tanguene Mozam-bique's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Maputo. May 30.-Mozam bique radio said today that the country's armed forces had shot down two Rhodesian aircraft and a helicopter. It said the air-craft, which it alleged had dropped napalm bumbs on the village of Chioco, were shot down on Saturday while supporting invading Rhodesian ground troops. [This claim was later denied by the Rhodesians.]

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settlement initiative. to London on Thursday. sburg: A Mozambican Our Diplomatic Staff writes: ment spokesman said The British Government's d was the biggest ever position on Rhodesian incur-d by Rhodesia in the siens into neighbouring states

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## Dutch open talks with siege gunmen

From Şuè Masterman The Hague, May 30

Discussions have started between the Durch Government and South Moluccans, holding four reachers in a school and 55 passengers on a train in northern Holland, about exchanging the hostages for 21 other South Moluccans convicted in 1975 for perrorist activities.

The talks were started after the South Moluccans, who have been holding their prisoners for eight days, dropped their de-mand to take hostages with them and the other terrorists on board an aircraft bound for an

unstated destination.

Mr Joop den Uyl, the Prime
Minister, has insisted through
our the siege that no hostages
will be allowed to leage the country. Now that this point has been abandoned by the terrorists, a possible exchange at Amsterdam airport is being discussed.
Since early on Priday, when

105 schoolchildren were released from the besieged school, there has been deadlock between the Government and the extremists. The Durch have refused to repair the telephone. line installed last week at the extremists request between the school and the train. It has been "out of order" for several days. The Government now days. The Government now claims it is too dangerous for the post office technicians who installed the line to go back.

and repair it.

The school, in Bovensmilde, is surrounded by a barbed wire is surrounded by a barbed wire barrier, installed during Sunday night. Officially it was put there to keep the sightseers at bay, but it was a public secret that the main purpose was to prevent other terrorists moving into the school to take the place of the four there. These are believed to be in poor physical condition, infected with the gastro-enteritis that forced them to release the children. The Dutch crisis team has

been hardening its attitude to the Moluccan extremists during the weekend. Policemen are dealing with communications from the train and the school to the nearby crisis centre in Assen to order food and other necessities.

The team of psychiatrists,

mainly behaviour therapists, are coming to the telephone only when the subject is related directly to the demands made by the extremists and the counter-demands made by the

Organisms of manager of the Minister of Justice gave a warning against too much optimism now that the extremists had dropped their demand to take the hostages

There had been examples, he said, for instance during the release of the schoolchildren on Friday morning, when the extremists suddenly withdrew or threatened to withdraw a

previous concession. For that reason, it was not possible to say that an acceptable solution was immediately

The Dutch Government is concerned that the crew of any get-away aircraft would in their

Insoluble problem, page 4

## occurrence since Rho- no right to take such action. port on racing rejects case for a big

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Administration

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campaign increases a minister has spoken of

eat to British policy in n Ireland that might rom a change in the

n interview Dr Conor

O'Brien, one of the rul-

alition's leading strate-

l Ulster policy, told me

opposition Fianna Fail

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In relation to Northern Ire-

"It is an attitude that would

say in effect: The IRA down here is bad news because the

security of this state is threat-

ened. But if they try anything

up there in he North, good

Dr. O'Brien contrasted the

Ulster policies of the ruling coalition and of Fianna Fail,

which seeks a British declara-

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e attitudes of the two forces in this country well unthe-cuff and unguarded
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cen- luck to them; we do not wanf.

Dr to know about it."

The EIU says wages of stable lads should be substancally, it was the Jockey Unit bases ins conclusion on stable lass should be substantially increased. "Racing with the compression of the number of owners is to conduct the investion of falling, the number of stride the effects of any into finance for racing horses in training has not falland Condor to 71p. Old Holborn cigarette tobacco will rise by 2p an ounce to 87p.

hey, one of the two ministers poisonous attitude, and one dismissed after the 1970 arms that did not even have to be that there was strong evidence trial, now reinstated to front stated openly: an expression that it had the backing of the beach status as health spokes on someone's face was larger part of the people in

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ference between it and the Provisional IRA's policy was

The two republican tenets

that they shared, he explained were the belief that the name

of Irish transcended both Pro-

testant and Catholic, and the

need to break the connexion with England.

But what do you do with the one million people sharing

the common name of Irishmen

who do not want to break the connexion?", he asked. The

republicans have never faced up to that in any public state-ment but in their private, off-

they do not like it why do they not get out of here and go back to England where they



National Theatre, with pickets at the stage door yesterday.

## Strike at National Theatre 'threatens grants'

y a Staff Reporter Mr Peter Hall, director of the Varional Theatre, gave a warnng yesterday that the theatre "cannot go on very long with-out shows". He added: "We cannot guarantee we shall be given money." He was speak-ing between a number of meet-ings at the theatre complex on

ings at the theatre complex on the South Bank, London, to discuss the unofficial strike by a hundred members of the backstage staff which has kept the theatre closed since Friday. The dispute is over the dismissal of a plumber. The strikers, all members of the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees, have called for his unployees, have called for his unconditional reinstatement.

The theore has made two peace offers, including suspen-

21 coloured

Twenty-one coloured youths

ere arrested yesterday after

they had been roused from

their beds by police officers for

questioning in connexion with

a spate of street robberies in

south-east London during the

Some of them, aged between

14 and 20, are expected to be

The police have been ming-

ling with shoppers and com-

muters in the area since

Christmas in an operation

aimed at thieves who have

stolen thousands of pounds in

cash and valuables from

A senior police officer said last night: "We have been

watching a gang who we be-lieve have been responsible for

at least 90 per cent of the street crime in south London over the

The police have been suppor-

Three centres of investigations

ted in their inquiries by com

munity relations leaders.

Tobacco group

The prices of cigarettes and tobacco made by the Gallaher

group are going up tomorrow. Cigar prices are unchanged.

Benson and Hedges Special Filter, Silk Cut King Size and Silk Cut Regular rise by 2p for 20, to 56p, 55p and 51p. Pipe tobaccos are up by 11p an ounce, Mellow Virginia to 78p and Condon to 71p Old Hellown

the republic.
"We are also convinced that

this helped the reaction of the Unionist Community against the recent Paisley strike, and that things could have been very different if there had

a distinction without a dif- really aiming to take them

a feeling that Dublin was

Dr O'Brien, a senior member

of the Labour Parry, the minority coalition partner, reserved particular praise for

the bandling of the Northern

Ireland crisis by Mr Mason, the Secretary of State. "For Britain to pull out

with the current state of feel-

ing between sections of the

two communities would be a

disaster and ought to he excluded, he continued. We

do not believe in tinkering

around with ideas like reparti-

to raise prices

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arrested

By Clive Borrell

past six months.

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sion on full pay of the plum-ber, Mr Ralph Cooper, pending

Mr Hall told 400 members of the theatre's company and staff that the situation was very serious. He said that unless agreed procedures in disputes were observed the theatre could not continue to operate.

After the meeting he said he did not imagine that the Arts Council could allow the theatre to go on for long losing money et the present rate. The dis-pute had already cost £18.000 and would reach £50,000 before the end of the week. Mr Hall continued: "One

reason for the seriousness of our position is that we are in a situation where there is an agreed procedure for a dispute

which the unofficial strikers will not accept."

Earlier Mr Hell had met the company's actors. He said:
"The actors are extremely eager to understand the rights and wrongs of this situation and

obviously want to get the theatre back to work."

It would be possible to stage performances even though the strike continued, he said, but it might make industrial problems worse in the future. Pickets were out as actors arrived for Mr Hall's briefing. Among them was Mr Cooper, was dismissed after what the management say were

two fair warnings about the standard of his work. Mr Richard Johnson, who was appearing in Blithe Spirit, which missed its last two per-

cause of the strike, said after the actors' meeting: "The feel-ing was strongly against the strike. We had no resolution or vote, but the feeling of the company is strongly that they should go to arbitration of some

Mr Peter Plouviez, general secretary of Equity, the actors union, said the situation was serious. "Clearly a threat to serious. "Clearly a threat to the National Theatre, or any theatre, at this particular time something everyone must take seriously.

A theatre representative, com-menting on Mr Hall's warning, said: "Naturally the Arts Council could not be expected to continue subsidizing a theatre that was closed to the public for

## Former law officer to stand down

Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, Conservative MP for Epsom and Ewell since 1955, told his constituency association yesterday that he did not wish to seek reelection at the next general election. He is 57. He was Attorney General in

Mr Heath's Administration and Solicitor General in those of Mr Macmillan and Sir Alec Douglas-Home (now Lord Home of the Hirsel). He was chairman of the Bar from 1975 to 1976, and is leader of the Western Circuit. -

He told Epsom Conservative Association vesterday evening that he was making the announcement so that the association could, in accordance with irs rules, select a successor in good time for any election that might be held in the autumn. At the last general election the figures were: Sir Peter Rawlinson 32,109, D. J. H. Griffiths (L) 15,819, N. J. Kearney (Lab) 11,471. C majority 16,290.

# strike first, and to strike quickly at the Nato heart-land. Nato has long been aware that if the Russians ever regarded war with the West as inevitable, they would probably try to launch a surprise preemptive strike, as Israel did against the Arab armies in 1967.

This has been the main argument used by United States defence secretaries in resisting congressional demands for American troop reductions in

But it is only recently, after But it is only recently, after Soviet force improvements in East Europe; that anyone has seriously thought them capable of launching such a surprise offensive. It is normally assumed that the forces which results he deployed in the cenwould be deployed in the central region are the 58 Warsaw Pact divisions in East Germany, Poland and Czechoslomany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. Only 27 of these are Soviet units, 20 of them in East Germany, two in Poland and five in Czechoslovakia. All of these are Category-1 divisions, which means that they are kept at full strength or at least three-quarters full.

The other 31 are East Euro pean units. comprising 15 Czechoslovskia, 10 Polish and six East German divisions. But four of these, two Polish and two Czechoslovak, are Warsaw Pact Category-2 units, which are kept at only about quarter-sweigth in peacetime, and might more realistically be described as reserve divisions with active cadres.

Moreover, all other 27 divisions are less well equipped and probably less well moti-vated than their Russian comrades. The enthusiasm of the Czechoslovak troops, for instance, to support a preemptive strike against the West would depend on the circumstances. It might even be that the Soviet Union would find it necessary to keep its own troops in that country rather than risk leaving the Czechoslovaks to their own devices.

How many divisions Nato could call upon to meet a preemptive strike depends lar-gely on how realistic the analyst tries to be. If the French are excluded (since their withpresent is only 25. But the French have insisted that they right alongside their allies if the need arose, and this seems as likely as that the Czechoslovak troops would ful-fil their obligations to the Warsaw Pact.

If the two French divisions stationed in West Germany and two more in Alsace-Lor-raine are included—the total rises to 29-or 30 when Britain adds a fourth armoured division to the Rhine Army later this year (without any overall increase in manpower). Nato divisions tend to be

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British racing has the poten-tial to generate further revenues by more realistic charging and by using its own resources more effectively, the report says.

## on commodity prices Major industrialized nations have now accepted the principle of setting up a fund to back commodity stabilization agreements, said the co-chairman of the Paris conference of the world's rich and proof discussions by refusing to give their reply to the rich coun-tries' plan until they had heard

Rich nations offer aid

27 of the world's rich and poor discussions by refusing to give nations. The fund could total their reply to the rich countries' plan until they had heard tions at the North-South all that was on offer Page 19

Ministers hope to resume pig aid

Despite the Government's acceptance of the European Court of Justice's order that it stop subsidizing British pig farmers, it has made contin-gency plans to resume the payments. Ministers are counting on the court's ruling in Britain's favour at a hearing later in the summer. The possibility of such a ruling depends on a decision from the European Commission

West fails to stop hanging

An African convicted of killing four South-West African whites was hanged by South African have been Lewisham, Deptford and Catford, where pensioners authorities despite appeals by Western Security Council and young people have been set upon and robbed, often in broad daylight. nations for a reprieve to avoid endangering independence nego-

#### Tax relief stays on mortgages

The Government has decided not to cut tax relief on mort-gages in its forthcoming proposals on housing finance. The decision is bound to upset the Labour Party's national executive, which has tried to per-suade ministers that unfair benefits are being given to mortgage-holders Page 2

Village ' doomed by oil plan' A whole village of 64 houses

may be threatened with demoli-tion if Fife Regional Council today accepts its planning committee's recommendation to allow the building of a £200m oil complex and terminal at Mossmorran Leader page, 15

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tion, which would set the place ablaze without doing much else.
"In fact, it all boils down to devolved direct rule or devolved arrangements with partnership, Church . Fail victory, he said: 1976, that the security forces belong? \*\* and they do not seem to be on rom the scrength within need not show too much real in Outlining his Government's the immediate agenda. So it is ty of Mr Charles Haug, relation to the IRA. "It was a present strategy on Northern direct rule."

#### her trip will be more than the traditional goodwill tour. Mr Carter does not want to travel abroad again this year and his wife will convey his views on various topics Lefebvre Mass

Mrs Carter off

Mrs Rosalynn Carter has arrived

in Jamaica to begin a two-week visit to seven South American

countries as the President's

personal envoy. She has said that she will not be taking part

White House officials say that

in serious negotiations.

to S America

heard by 1,500 Celebrating Mass in Geneva before a congregation of 1,500 Catholic prelate, spoke of an "unprecedented crisis" in the Church. About 100 traditionalists occupied the church of Notre Dame at Besancon.

Girls killed: Two schoolgirls were killed when their minibus overturned on its way from Northfield Academy, Aberdeen, to a biology project at the river

Bullock plan rejected: The General and Municipal Work-Union has rejected the Bullock plan for worker-participation as "too limited and inflexible" 4 India: Delhi orders a judicial inquiry into two days of violent

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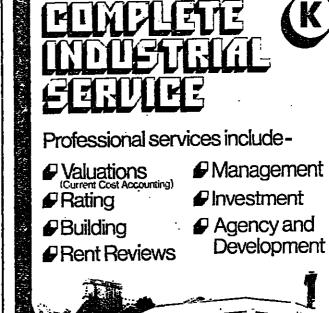
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## Government decides not to touch tax relief on mortgages

By David Leigh Political Staff Stung by press suggestions that the Government is about to commit political suicide by cutting tax reliefs on mort-gages, Downing Street made clear yesterday that the Cabi-net has decided to keep all the tax reliefs in its forthcoming housing finance package.

The decision, made last week after a lot of Cabinet argument, will infuriate the members of Labour's national executive who spent an hour and a half in March with Mr Shore, Secre-tary of State for the Environment, and three other ministers trying to persuade them that ortgage-holders were gening unfair benefits.

However much ministers are attracted by the left-wingers' logic, they know that cuts in tax relief on morrgages would go down badly with home-owning voters. But the Green Paper, expected next month, is also bound to air the case for

that people with large incomes can set them unjustly against large mortgages to get income-tax relief. They suggested taking away those reliefs, and cut-ting the £25,000 limit on mortgages that attract tax relief to something nearer the price of

an average house. It was also argued that homeowners, for all their complaints, had done extremely well out of inflation. While first-time buyers suffered, those with long-standing mortgages paid out only a small part of their

The mortgage subsidy, of £1,100m a year or £214 a head, is costing the State a third more in real terms after the past five inflationary years, the leftwingers say.

The Government's difficulty, now it has decided that it dare not interfere with voters' in-come tax offsets, is how to handle the long-standing politialso bound to air the case for increasing council rems. That would not please council-buse voters.

The left-wing argument was fairly attacked.

## **Demand for inquiry into** council house sales

By Robert Parker

A call for an independent inquiry into the costs of selling council houses was made yestenday by Mrs Gladys Dimson, Labour housing spokesman on the Greater London Council. Figures published by Shelter at the weekend indicate that the selling of council houses in Leeds is costing both ratepayers and the Exchequer large

Mrs Dimson said that if the Leeds figures were applied to London the recently announced plans of the Conservatives to sell 50,000 council houses would cost about 580m over the next 60 years. The same economics would suggest that sales of houses between 1967

and 1973 cost about 525m. Since so many local authorities were contemplating the sale of council houses, in the belief that the end of managewould result in overall economies, it was of great importance to establish beyond doubt could create a multitude of whether such sales did save money, Mrs Dimson said. the ills which sales are The Shelter figures were pub-

.A man aged 37 was shot dead in an office in Belfast yester-day. A colleague was seriously

injured by two grammen believed to be wearing wigs and false

lished in the latest issue of Roof, the organization's housing magazine. The research was done by Mr Bernard Kilroy, a housing research

officer.

Mr Kilroy's examination of sales in Leeds, which has sold more than 900 houses since June, 1975, and hopes to sell 5,000 in the next three years, led him to the conclusion that the council lost money on sales of prewar, post-war and modern houses alke. He estimates that £1.75m has been lost on the 900 houses already sold, and that at least 58m would be lost if 5,000 were sold.

He argues that local authorities lose money from rents and value of land, and that central government also loses because tax relief on mortgages is greater than the amount spent on council housing subsidies. Mr Kilroy says the policy of selling council houses, although bringing a short-term capital benefit, amounts to "shortsighted asset stripping which could create a multitude of

young, mied to force their way into a first-floor office. A man tried to hold the door closed

Gunmen murder man in Belfast office

moustaches,
The man who died was Mr
Malachy Gregory, of Finaghy
Road North, and the atrack
happened at the offices of Lakeglen Construction Company in
College Square North. Mr
Gregory was walking
down the stairs when the gunmen opened fire on him. He

Inquiry into role of statistician in policy

Sir Claus Moser, Director of the Central Statistical Office. is to review the role and status of statisticians in Whitehall policy-making.

It will be more an informal, personal look than a formal, interdepartmental examination of Whitehall's 500 statisticians, whom Sir Claus leads as Head of the Government Statistical Service. Sir Claus, who suc-ceeded Sir Harry Campion as head of the profession in 1967, feels the need to take stock after 10 years in the post.

He has appointed as helpers two assistant secretaries from the Central Statistical Office, the coordinating body within the Cabinet Office responsible for statisticians in departments throughout the Whitehall machine. Their report should be completed in less than a

last The review was conducted by the Parliamentary Estimates Committee in 1966. On taking over the GSS the following year Sir Claus made his own appraisal of its future development.

High on the agenda of the inquiry will be the question of how much say statisticians should have in the formulation of policy. Sir Claus has long been a purist in such matters. He is acutely conscious of the danger of figures being manipulated by governments for their own purposes.

Sir Claus will also consider how best to combine the work of statisticians with economists in the Government Economic Service. In some departments, such as environment and trans-port, they already work together in mixed divisions. In others, such as health and social security, they operate separately. Sir Claus, who is 56, is chair-

man of the board of directors of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. He is an engaging and widely respected polymath whose career has spanned Whitehall and the

universities. His name is frequently can-rassed for top academic posts. He was seen by some, for example, as a possible director of a "British Brookings", the policy institute, which has failed to take shape for lack of funds. He is also talked of as a likely successor to Sir Norman Chester when he retires as Warden of Nuffield College,

up of the peace movement, left

Northern Ireland yesterday to live in New Zealand. With them

was their surviving child, Mark,

aged seven.

"The Lib-Lab parliamentary alliance suits both parties now, though it has only a limited life." Mr Grant said at Barry, South Wales.

"But it is vastly preferable, with all its drawbacks, to any arrangement with the national-Gregory was married, with eight was an employee of the com-children. pany, and the police said he was not a member of the security

nationalists to do a deal.

warning

by minister

Many Labour MPs would find it hard to stomech any future parliamentary pact with the nationalists and preferred the

Liberals with all their draw-backs, Mr Grant, Under-Secre-tary of State for Employment, said yesterday.

That warning, laced with remarks about "unsavoury elements" and "racism", is the first hint that some Labour

ministers are taking seriously

the prospect of riding a nationalist horse next in their long and painful journey towards a late general election.

At present they rely on the

Liberals to sustain their minority position. But it is at the back of many Labour poli-

ticians' minds that, if only devolution could be restarted, there would be an incentive for the

forces.

Mr and Mrs Jack Maguire, parents of the three children whose deaths led to the sering ist parties, which many of us would find hard to stomach if ever mooted in the "They contain some strange, even unsavoury, elements and it is difficult sometimes to see much of a dividing line between

naked nationalism and racism.

By Sheila Black Thursday, June 9, is regarded

negotiations between Beaverbrook Newspapers and the proposed consortium of Sir James Goldswith's Cavenham Foods and Mr Roland ("Tiny") Rowland's international Lourho group, generally dubbed

When Sir James made his when Sir james made his eleventh-hour request for the suspension of the sale of the Evening Standard by Beaver-brook to Associated Newspapers, publishers of the Evening News and Daily Mail, he said that four to six weeks would be needed for his proposals to be prepared and for the Beaver-brook board to consider them.

That period expires on June 9, and the unions have been assured that everything possible is being done to konour that date. The Beaverbrook board is expected to discuss concrete date. The Beaverbrook board is expected to discuss concrete proposals from Sir James this. Thursday. On May 19 he outlined plans which involved the underpinning of Beaverbrook Newspapers rather than an out-

Teachers urge. guidance

on sit-ins In a letter to Mrs Williams. the Secretary of State for Education and Science, mem-bers of the Association of Polytechnic Teachers yesterday expressed concern at the recent increase in students protests and called for guidance on preventive measures to be given to local authorities and

polytechnics.
In the letter Dr Anthony.
Pointon, national secretary of
the association, said that strins
had passed the stage when they
should be countenanced in should be countenanced in silence. Physical assault, incimidation and destruction of property were becoming increasingly the pattern of occupation, with polytechnic authorities and the law apparently helpless to prevent such, behaviour.

Dr Pointon said the role of the police was uncertain. It was often said that the police force had Home Office instructions to avoid interfering in sit-ins. The result is that sit-ins not only appear to take place with-our interference from the law but actually under its protec-tion." On some occasions, he added, the students had broken into locked buildings in the presence of the police, on others, the police had helped to remove staff from buildings: the students wished to occupy.

Four rail deaths after 'error of judgment'

An error of judgment and not gross negligence led to the deaths of four railwaymen killed by a passenger train. Dr Max Lucas, the Bedfordshire Coroner, said yesterday. Ver-dicts of accidental death were recorded on the four track men struck by the 1 pm London-bound train at Chimney Corner, near Bedford, on May 12. Dr Lucas said that according to the rule-book the chargeman, Mr. Dennia Chemberlain Mr Dennis Chamberlain, of York Street, Bedford, was

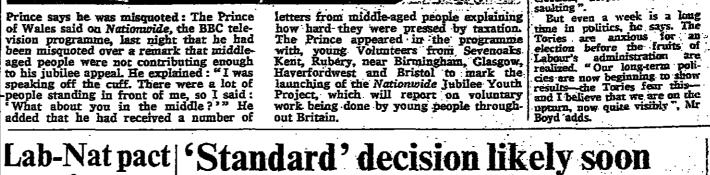
clearly responsible for assembling the men and appointing a look-out.

"This is a tragedy totally unexpected", he added. "Thereore a verdict of accidental death would be quite proper here. There is no evidence that anvone did snything recklessly." Earlier, Mr Chamberlain said he had appointed Tyrone Par-ker, aged 21. as look-out. Mr Parker was one of the workmen who died.

Power strike ends

The strike of maintenance workers at Scottish power stations, which divertened electricity supplies throughout cen-tral Scotland, ended last night when 1,200 men at five stations returned to work.

The television programme
Rock Follies will not be shown
comprove night because of a
production dispute at Timmes
Television.



letters from middle-aged people explaining

how hard they were pressed by taxation. The Prince appeared in the programme with, young Volunteers from Sevenoaks Kent, Rubery, near Birmingham, Glasgow, Haverfordwest and Bristol to mark the launching of the Nationwide Jubilee Youth

Project, which will report on voluntary

work being done by young people through

Prince says he was misquoted: The Prince

of Wales said on Nationwide, the BBC television programme, last night that he had

been misquoted over a remark that middle-

aged people were not contributing enough to his jubilee appeal. He explained: "I was speaking off the cuff. There were a lot of

people standing in front of me, so I said: 'What about you in the middle?'" He

added that he had received a number of

as the deadline for concluding

group, generally ( "Cavro" in Fleet Street.

right offer; but there have been gaps to fill and details in thrash our since then.

The "Cavro" plans would

operate in stages, each depending on the outcome of the preceding stage and on the successful implementation of progressive proposals, including guarantee of borrowings, enfranchisement of the nonvoting shares, a probable rights issue and restructuring of the Beaverbrook board, with Sir James and Mr Rowland

Sir James and Mr Rowland being appointed to the board and gaining substantial control of the publishing company.

So far there is no indication of the reactions of the Aitken family, who would lose power and would not get as good a price for their holdings as in the proposed Associated Newspapers-Beaverbrook deal. The trustees of the charitable Beaverbrook Foundation, mainly the Aitken family but

Beaverbrook Foundation, mainly the Aitken family but including outside members, have also a part to play in the final decisions. Despite Associated's unpopularity with the Government because of the Levland affair,

there is still more than a little disquier in Westminster over the risk of closure of the Evening News if the Beaver-brook-Goldsmith plans go through, Failing round-table talks

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Mr John Boyd, the engineering workers' leader and a former chairman of the Labour

Party, yesterday suggested that

the Conservatives are crowing

too soon over the Government's

ments" will be negotiated

between the unions and the Cabinet on the social contract.
In an editorial in the Amai

gamated Union of Engineering Workers' Journal, Mr Boyd,

the union's general secretary, argues that "our Government" is paying the short-term price for tackling the nation's iong-

for tackling the nation's long-term problems.

He says the Tories are so
"elated and confident" that
their leader has let it be
known that they intend "to run
away from their earlier pro-mises on devolution to Scotland
and, probably, Wales, believing
that they can win the next
election, despite this somercaulting".

Failing round-table talks among all the protagonists before Beaverbrook directors on the pig subsidy forb there would almost certainly be later talks between the new, restructured company and Associated to try to save both the London evening newspapers and maximize the use of Beaverbrook's modernized.

British ministers he contingency plans to the European Court of the pig subsidy forb the European Court of Although the Government to stop the pay may continue the certain of the pay may continue the certain of the pay may continue the certain the continue the certain the continue the certain the pay may continue the pay may ma or heavernrook's madernated plant and production capacity.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of the News Invernational group, which publishes the Sun and News of the World, denied last night that a lunch he had with Sir Max Airless had anything to do with the current

with Str. Max Attrest had anyrhing to do with the current
situation. "My New York
business is beginning to go
well, but it is essentially a fulltime operation and there is no
thought in my mind of the
Beaverbrook or Associated
titles". Mr Murdoch said as
he left to fly beck to New York.

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George Ince 'shows signs of premature aging'

By Peter Godfrey The health of Mr George Ince has describented to 2 Ince has deteriorated to a potentially interparable degree, according to an independent medical report disclosed yesterday. He is seawing a 15-year terrotage at Marintand Scribe where he was examined, for his part in the Mountnessing bul-

ion robbety.

Dr Anthony Whirehead, a consultant psychiatrist, said that when Mr ince was visited earlier this month he showed earner this month he showed signs of premature aging had a chronic institutionalized appearance, and was mentally confused and suffering from a tremor in this hands and abnormally dilated pupils.

"In my opinion this tity, was recently rejected.

possibly accelerate", Dr White-head said. "If he has to complete a further substantial period of imprisonment I think there is a serious danger that his mental health will be He attributed Mr Ince's con-

dition to drug treatment. Dr Whitehead's findings were read to an inquiry by Prop (Preservation of the Rights of Prisoners) into the Hull prison riot. The inquiry, on its last day, became a platform for views on a number of cases of alleged penal injustice. Mr Ince's appeal for release from his sentence, on the ground of conviction under mistaken iden-

Coasts.
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Wind N or NE, moderate or fresh;
sea moderate.

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St George's Channel, Irish Sea : Wind E, light or moderate ; sea

strong : sea moderate or rough.

Union chief predict acceptable phase 3

Cities the April 1 payments surplus of 2 Boyd tells his ment there has been a tradict position, a top of \$126m over three E363m in the metidus

The instance economic failures. He predicts that acceptable errange September should dr perceptibly and with meaningful Price Co. the nation will begin ment's policies", he y Mr Boyd concedes t

will depend on the policy being forged i ent-TUC negotiation Mr Boyd's optimic wholly borne out by of what has bitherto of the strongest sup, pay policy, the Control Health Service E voluntary per curbs. t umil it meets on Tu ere of its annual making conference. 1 moderates hold out forforn hopes that the the Government will with a formula acce

### Pig subsi may be resumed

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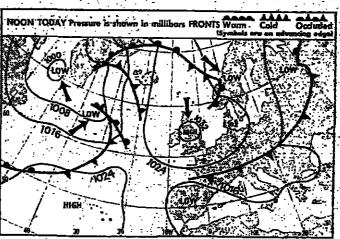
Ministers hope the c rule in Britain's favou the summer. The coalresdy provided for the bility of Britain's bethe subsidy later. Action on the subsi tion will depend on a of the European Con

about a claim for all aid submitted by the Government under the raccession to the EEC allows the commission orize aid without the sion of ministers to equilibrium in trade. The commission, w meet tomorrow, insis; decision will depen-

state of the pig throughout the EEC.
The subsidy has and is worth about each animal. Estimate ent losses by farms from 500 to £14 on ea Leading article

Visit of President President Carter's Se Chip, and his wife, Co June 12, at the invitati

## Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises: Sun sets: 4.50 am 9.7 pm 4.2 am Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen - Dry, sunny spells; wind variable, light; max remp 13° to 15°C (SS° to 59°F).

SW. NW Stofland, Glasgow, Cenural Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll; Dry, sunny spells; wind variable or S, light; max temp 15° to 18°C (SS° to 54°F).

NE Scofland: Dry, sunny inter-Full moon: Tomorrow. Lighting up : 9.37 pm to 4.19 am

Lighting up: 9.37 pm to 41, 811

High water: London Bridge, 12.46

am, 7.0m (22.8ft); 1.22 pm, 7.2m

(23.8ft). Avonmouth, 6.26 am,

12.6m (41.4ft); 7.1 pm, 13.9m,

(42.7ft). Dover, 10.25 am, 6.5m

(21.2ft); 10.46 pm, 6.7m (22.9ft)

Hull; 5.26 am, 7.0m (22.8ft); 5.44

pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Liverpool,

10.33 am, 9.1m (23.8ft); 11.1 pm,

9.4m (30.7ft). An anticyclone will move slowly

over N Britain. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, Central S, Central N England, Midlands : Dry, bright or sumy spells developing; wind NE, moderate; max temb 15°C (61°R).

East Anglia, E, NE England:
Dry, possibly isolated showers near
coasts, bright or sunny intervals
developing; wind NE, moderate;
max temp 12: to 14°C 54° to 57°C). Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; L, fair; t, rain; s, sun.



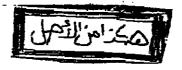
Yesterday London: Temp: Max 7 pm, 13°C (55°F): to 7 am, 9°C (48°F). 7 pm, 48 per cent. to 7 pm, nil. Sun. 24° 0.5 pr. Bar, mean sea 1

NE Scotland: Dry, sunny intervals; wind variable becoming W. At the resorts light or moderate; max temp 14°C 24 hours to 6 pm, Mr. (57°F). Orkney, Sherland: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind N, backing W, moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F). Outlook for temorrow and Thursday: Mostly dry with bright or sunny spells; becoming a little warmer, but rather cool near E

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Francham said : "The port from the reaction-tional Association for keeping them Either they recognize mbers or they will not

nd allowed a sizable on from the strikers on platform, to the accom-

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Lord Bath

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Longleat called in a Sofiolk-based fairground company which built giant slides, a carousel and a pond for sadio-controlled model years. In the past, Lord Bank, sad, Longleat House had been a viable business proposition on its own, with 135,000 visitors in 1964. After the introduction of

1964. After the introduction of the long the number of visitors to the house had risen to 328,000. But attendance figures

328,000. But attendance figures had fallen in recent years. "We are still keeping our heads above water". Lord Bath said, "but our entrance charges are already among the highest for any starely home, and wages are going up again this year. "But Menumore could have been after today, even if they had only opened the house; they need not have had lious and roundabouts in the garden."

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ike at a London-based messing company. "I recrything I can within improved working conditions, rument." he said. "It is trade union and novement."

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Pay restraint plea: Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, made a strong appeal yesterday for a third round of pay policy. " If we do not get an agreement inflation will become more difficult to control?, he said. Industry will suffer, jobs will be more difficult to preserve and we shall all be worse off."

It was the unanimous view of new pay agreement was an important component of the overall strategy. If we do not get an agreement our job will be that much more difficult it is in the interests of all of us to

the interests of all or us to agree on a new phase three.

His reception at the annual conference of the eradicionally moderate Association of Pro-fessional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Aper) at Scarborough; was cordial. The scarporough was current into union has given support in principle for a third year of restraint but has imposed several conditions, including more money for the National Enterprise Board.

## mily allowances not east of prosperity

in's poor performance ing to stretch family invhile children are being t up was demonstrated the Royal ssion on the Distribu-Income and Wealth.

Department of Health ocial Security gave eviat over the 30 years few pence, despite the growth in general

second child, and £1.50 a child thereafter. The equivalent rate in 1946, at 1976 prices, was £1.41.

For taxpayers the combined value of family allowances and child rax allowances has declined over the 30 years. In 1946 they were worth 55.77 to the standard rate taxpayer with ing at 1975 prices. In 1976, the value had fallen by about a fifth to £4.56.

The equivalent figures for a the postwar reconstruct family with three children f welfare benefits the were 59.4 (1946) down to lue of family allowances £7.31; and, for four children, taxpayers has risen by £12.38 down to £9.95.

Elsewhere in its evidence the DHSS shows that increases ctober, 1976, the allow rary benefits have greatly s £1.50 a week for the exceeded increases in prices.

## · Heffer wants action reflation and prices

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ry and action on prices ade by Mr Eric Heffer, member of the Labour national executive at mual Cooperative Con-in Blackpool yesterday the same platform, Mrs Patterson, acting presi-i the TUC, called on the movement to use its infor the Government to hat she called "bolder t measures", including

why the Labour Party so-called terrible extremist national would be pressing the Govern-ment to introduce policies to store at least some of the cuts in public expenditure.

Mrs Patterson said the rank and file of the trade union movement were worried about high unemployment and high Government was to act in cut-

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tive price freeze. Heffer said the falling

freelance journalist as the go-between after life Mail Leviand slush report was fined at Bow Magistrates' Court yesterdrug charges. His woman also was fined.

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#### ents lose plea ⊿ords r state school

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parents, from Luton, Bed-ire, were refused leave House of Lords Appeal itice yesterday to chal-Court or Appeal ruling

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n people, including three children, were taken to al yesterday after fumes a chemical closer had imo a belcoom at a in Engeroale Clase, Sussex They were

#### Two years' jail for former council leader

Gerald Murphy, aged 47 the former leader of Swansea City ncil; Emrys Harris, aged Chincil; Emrys harris, aged 53, the city's housing director; and Raymond Bryam, chairman of a central heating company were each jailed at Swansea Crown Court yesterday for two years at the end of a corrup-tion trial that lasted for 55

The two Swansea council men held positions of power and in-thence during a time when the

They were told by Mr Justice Kenneth Jones that their cor-rupt conduct, their greed and selfishness, had brought the ad-

Mr Murphy, of Waun Gron, was found guilty of accepting gifts, such as flights, meals and emercainment, from Mr Bryant; chairman of the Everwarm group of companies. He was also found guilty of accepting a meal from Dougles Barber, marketing director of a hearing company. The Everwarm com pany, now in the hands of a receiver, was fined £1,000 on even corruption charges.

Mr Murphy was found guilty on four corruption charges. Mr Harris, of West Cross Lane, Swansea, was found guilty of accepting meals and entertainment from Mr Bryand and Mr Barber. Mr Bryand, of West Drive, Portheawl, Mid Glamayan, was found guilty on seven charges of making gifts to Mr Murphy and Mr Harris

Mr Barber, aged, 56, of Ice
House Wood, Oxued Surrey,
was found guilty of making
rifts to Mr Murphy and Mr
Harris in return for favours.
His company, Smith & Wellstood, installed more than five
thousand bailers in Sasances thousand boilers in Swansea

He was sentenced to months' imprisonment.

Oil alone will not solve Britain's difficulties

## Treasury chief's farewell warning

Sir Bryan Hopkin, retiring Chief Economic Adviser to the Treasury and Head of the Government Economic Service, leaves Whitehall today with the warning that North Sea oil alone will not solve Britain's economic difficulties and repriceless contents need hever since find employment have been sold off, Lord Bath, wase and price restraint a successful stately home entre will be necessary if functor preparer, said yesterday strain on the exchange rate is no be avoided. Sir Bryan the opening of a new sunter the park in the opening of a new sunter the park in the covered of his priceless contents need never have been sold off, Lord Bath, British goods competitive in international markets is the best way to capitalize on the balance of payments improve-ment provided by the fruits of

> Reflecting, in an interview with The Times, on almost 40 years of government service since he entered the Ministry of Heelth as an assistant prinoped in 1938, Sir Bryan, now 62, recalled the trap into which Keynesians like himself had fallen.

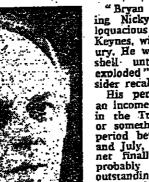
had fallen.
As an undergraduate at Cambridge he had heard Keynes lecture from the proofs of his General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money before it was published in 1936.
A quietly spoken, rather shy Welshman, widnout the fire often associated with his race ("I'm not a great one for ("I'm not a great one for hung!", he says), Sir Bryan admitted: "Fine tuning for full employment, which I admitted: Fine tuning for full employment; which I believed in, has contributed to the problem of inflation. It was the natural result of planning for full employment."

"The remedy he proposed as

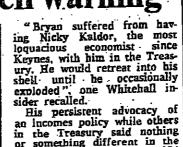


Sir Bryan Hopkin: "We

Lord Kaldor, Sir Bryan's friends recall, stimulated him to do what he does best, the swift preparation of first-class papers of economic analysis.
His capacity for original thinking on technical problems like
the impact of the exchange
equalization account on sector financial balances amid the day-to-day pressures of his post



have messed up capitalism." exacting years since he suc-ceeded Sir Kenneth Berrill in October, 1974, was an income policy and tighter control of demand. He fought off successfully the attempts by Professor Lord Kaldor, who until last summer was special adviser to the Chancellor the Exchequer



an incomes policy while others in the Treasury said nothing or something different in the or someting different in the period between October, 1974 and July, 1975, when the Cabinet finally adopted one, will probably be judged his most outstanding contribution to policy-making.

Sir Bryan was closely in-volved in the first attempts to introduce indicative planning in Britain on the French model in the early 1960s. He believes that present industrial strategy has a greater chance of success, as it is more realis-tic and modest in its aims.

What has really bedevilled economic policy-making since the war, he says, is the ambivalent actitude of the British people towards growth.

people towards growth.

"One of our deep troubles is that we are absolutely schizophrenic about private enterprise. We have never made up our minds whether to go for socialism or to have an efficient capitalism. As a result we have messed up capitalism. I see much more easily the pos-sibilities of an efficient mixed economy than I do of an effi-cient socialist economy."

Sir Bryan is returning full time to his chair of economics at University College, Cardiff. He will be succeeded by Mr Fred Atkinson, Chief Economic Adviser at the Department of

## £200m petrol complex 'threat to village'

From Our Correspondent 🦠

Fife Planning Committee yesterday recommended appro-val of a £200m perrochemical complex and marine terminal. despite objections that it was potentially a major hazard ... that recreational and tourist activities on the coast would be affected and that a village of 64 houses would have to be demolished.

The proposals are to build a two-plant complex, which will be one of the largest in the world, at Mossmorran, with a world, at Massian ar Braefoot Bay, near Dalgety Bay. The Secretary of State for Scotland has announced that a planning inquiry will open on June 27. So far there are 400 objectors, many complaining of the potential hazard.

The planning committee's recommendations, which will be discussed by Fife Regional Council today, include the removal of Gray Park village

UK and Esso Chemical, which will be processing oil from the Brent field in the North Sea, have adequate fire-fighting

The building of the plants and terminal would employ up to 3,500 men, and 350 perman ent jobs would be created. It is estimated that 650 more would be possible if allied in-

dustries were established.
Planning officials told the committee that although the complex and terminal might be a serious hazard their consultsider there is no reason to doubt that the plants and terminal can be designed, built and operated in such a manner to be acceptable in terms of environmental impact and com-

munity safety". Dr E. L. Streatfield, of Cremer-and Warner, said: "We are and Warner, said: "We are dealing with what is potentially a major hazard situation

## Confidence on curricula

The question of a challenge The question of a challenge in the courts on the powers of the Secretary of State for Education and Science to impose a national school curriculum was unlikely to arrise. Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said yesterday. He was commenting on the

He was commenting on the report in The Times on Saturday that Mr Alan Evans, secre-tary of the union's education committee, had said that any

autempt by the Government to impose "a national framework for the school curriculum" as proposed in the draft Green Paper on education, would be challenged in the courts.

Mr Jarvis added that Mrs Williams, the Secretary of State, had said she did not want to see a centrally imposed curriculum. "If the Green Paper were to envisage any departure from that intention, the Government would have to seek to change the law, Mr Jarvis said.



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## Two girls die in school bus crash

Two girls, aged 15, were killed and three other people were in the intensive care unit of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary after their mini bus overturned yesterday. At least seven other people were injured.

Witnesses said the bus taking the girls on a biology project from Northfield Academy, Aberdeen, to the river Don, seemed to catapult through the pir as it was overtaking a lorry. The children were thrown through the shattered windows as it rolled over two or three

The two who died were Eleanor Davidson, of Knettles-hill Road, and Carol Dow. of Marchburn Road, both Aber-

Those critically ill are Brenda Campbell, of Limmill Place; Alison Brown, of Deansloch Crescent; and Mrs Mabel Thompson, of the school staff, of Cairn Road, Bieldside.

The bus was about six miles The bus was about six fulles from Aberdeen when the accident happened, and the two children who died were rhrown under the lorry. Fire engines were used to lift the lorry off the two victims. Others lay unconscious up to 25 yards

All the occupants of the bus, including the driver, were girls

One of the first on the scene, Mr John Sutherland, a lorry driver, said that onlookers watched helplessly as the van appeared to rise in the air and hedies were through our bodies were thrown out.

Mr David Moira, who called the emergency services, said he saw the bus roll over two or three times before ending on its wheels, facing in the opposite

One of the girls who died, Carol Dow, was to have left school today. Her mother said she had gone back to school specially for the trip, which was to investigate pollution levels in the Don.

MP recovers

There is water coming in in certain places and a certain amount of surface concrete that has come off." Mr David Penhaligon, Liberal MP for Truro, left hospital yesterday after a week's treat-

## Union rejects Bullock plan as 'too limited'

Proposals to be submitted by the General and Municipal Workers' Union to the next meeting of the TUC's economic committee will make it increasingly difficult for the Government to introduce legislation for worker participation based on the Bullock report.

Delegates to the union's conference at Southport yesterday made clear that they consider the Bullock proposals for union nominees to have equal repre-sentation with management on the boards of companies employing more than two thousand people to be too limited and

With opposition to the Bullock report from the general workers and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers representing between them almost 2,500,000 members, the Government will be under increasing pressure to amend the

Mr David Basnett, general but we are realistic enough to secretary of the General and know that will take time", he Municipal Workers' Union, said. roposals. Mr David Basnett, general

From Arthur Osman

road, Oueensway.

parts or the complete rebuild-ing of others within 10-15

Mr Harold Edwards, deputy chairman of the council's high-

ways and transport committee, said: "We are aware that quite

a large quantity of maintenance

appears to be necessary on the

ring road, but it is maintenance.

## Council says | Empty desks ring road is 'a threat not in danger to Britain'

got to be associated with col-

lective bargaining machinery, and since that varies from plant

to plant our industrial democracy arrangements must vary as well ".

The union will tell the TUC

that, while it wants the speedy

introduction of industrial democracy, it cannot support

a single rigid formula. It will press for statutory backing for

should be introduced".

Mr William Milne, a member

the union's excutive, said:

We are not opposing Bullock.

We are saying it does not go far enough: it is not clear

enough or precise enough".

There was evidence that em-

ployers in Germany were try-ing, in the face of union opposi-

tion to withdraw from their copartnership agreements

There was no single criterion for participation in British industry. One day we want to control the lot. We want to make it for need and not greed,

Two million schoolchildren stayed away from school last week, 800,000 of them without West Midlands County Council said yesterday that there was nothing structurally wrong justifiable cause, it alleged yesterday.

Birmingham's inner ring Mr Harold Artist, president of the Chief Education Welfare A report in The Sunday Officers Association, described Times had suggested that pro-gressive decay in the £35m road around the city centre would mean the collapse of some the figures as a risk to Britain's social, economic and educatio-

He rold the officers' confer-ence at Llandudno: "You cannot teach a child who is not there, nor can that future citizen's potential be achieved. A high rate of absence has other costs. The police will tell you of the high rate of the during school hours.

"Too many absentees are amployed. The of the high rate of delinquency

illegally employed. The employers will plead ignorance and a profitable ignorance it is since they bilk the state of taxes and avoid adult wages."

## Disturbing findings on asbestos safety

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

Correspondent Two surveys to be published shortly suggest that the volun-tary scheme for labelling ashes-tos products with health warnings, introduced last October, is not working satisfactorily.

The Asbestos Information Communee, set up by the in-dustry, says it is disappointed with the findings of a survey commissioned from independent market researchers.

The results, to be published this week, are with the Health and Safety Executive and the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, both of which were involved in setting up the labelling scheme.

The Consumers' Association

has also carried out a survey, and is particularly concerned that safety code leaflers are not reaching do-it-yourself en-In my own spot-check at do

In my own spot-check at doit-yourself shops, ironmongers
and hardware stores in London
and North Wales I found
asbestos simmering pads,
brake relining kits and asbestosbased wall plugging compounds
on sale without warning labels.
None of the retailers had any
recollection of the explanatory
leaflets detailing reform leaflets detailing safety measures to be observed when leafiets using asbestos, though they were intended to be available

at every outlet.
The information committee has spent almost £100,000 on the scheme, to which must be added the cost to manufac-500 scientists protest at turers of introducing labelling machines on their production

lines. Fourteen thousand do-it-your-self outlets have been circularseir ouners have been circular-ized with the committee's leaf-let advising home handymen how to avoid breathing asbestos dust; £89,000 has been spent on publicizing the scheme, parti-cularly in the trade press, since

breeding nuclear power plant of the kind now banned for civil purposes in the United States. They have accused the authorities of failing to inform last September.
"Many of the products in the shops now were in ware-houses before the scheme began, and some of the domes-tic items particularly are very slow-moving lines", the com-mittee said yesterday. the public about possible In an open letter to President Giscard d'Estaine, they Giscard d'Estaing, they questioned both the recinical

A people in search of its homeland and lost honour 1,500 Swi

## South Moluccans present Holland attend with an insoluble problem

The Hague, May 30

"Within 10 to 15 years this country is going to be a second Northern Ireland", a soming detective said during one of the emiles discussions, on the sidelines of the Dutch sieges, between the hundreds of foreign and home reporters and the equally bored and nervous: the equally bored and nervous troops, policemen, special branch plain-clothes men and local inhabitants. What he voiced is an opinion that is shared and feared by many in Holland now it is clear that terrorism and violence within the Moluccan community is accelerating, and that the Government has falled to find a way to control or channel it.

to control or channel it.

The Moluccan exiles have been in Holland for almost 30 years, but it was only in 1956, after the execution of Dr Chris Sounokil, their former leader, by the Indonesians, that the violence started. iolence started.

Initially all the targets were Indonesians. In 1969 a Dutch policemen died during a Molac-can raid on the Indonesian ambassador's residence. Asked why, the young Molniccans said that those who came between them and their archenemy Indonesia would also suffer. The feeling grew within the Moluccan community that the Dutch, with their development aid plans for their former colony, were busy ingratiating themselves with the Indo-

Grenoble, France, May 30.— More than 500 French scientists

have protested against the Government's decision to go

shead with a huge plutonium

features and the economic advantages of the Super-Phoenix plans under construc-

tion at Creys-Malville, near

The plant is expected to generate 1,200 megawaits by con-

plutonium reactor plan

The next plan was to raid Queen Juliena's residence and hold hostage the Queen, a traditional symbol especially to the Moluccaus who were Dutch loyalists in the Indonesian war of independence. They failed of independence. That failed and the next targets in 1975 were both Dutch and indo-nesian: the train near Berien and the Indonesian Consulate

in Amsterdam. This time both targets are purely Dutch. Moluccan wrath has shifted from the Indonesians who have taken possession of what was once, for a few months, their independent, republic in the South Pacific, to the Durch, who they see as the barrier between themselves and realistic negotiations with Indonesia for the forms. nesia for its return. After the 1975 sieges the

Durch Government promised talks with the Molucoun leaders. The first meeting took place on January 17 last year, and was described by both sides as realistic. It was decided to appoint a commission, half Durch and half Molaccan, to provide a communing forum for rising grievances and for pos-sible solutions. The commission took four months to form and, although its members have undoubtedly done their utmost, the present sieges illustrate how miserably this method has

The 1975 sieges had one positive aspect: a flood of publicity on the causes of the Moluccan

venting rational reguly radioactive

element used in atomic bombs.

Officials say it will be between 50 and 80 times more efficient

than non-breeder reactors.

The scientists, 504 members of the Grenoble University

community, drew extention to the unsolved technical prob-lems of treating and stocking plutonium waste. They called for an "independent ecleptific

nor an "mospendent ecleratic body to assess anguments for and against the Super-Pricents in a European concert, and to publish its results."

The Super-Proents, the French Government announced on Saturday, will be built over six years.—Agence France-Presse.

grievances and on their way of life in general. has still not through to those who have no

direct contact with the Moluccans, however, and few have wes the Moluccan community of some 40,000 insists on living in virtual isolation, is the lattern of thought which the community's It is no use judging what

they do by sophisticated Western standards. They have a code of honour which cannot be broken under any circum-stances. All the solutions the stances. All the solutions the Durch have proposed until now demand just this. When a group of Moductans wanted to leave last year for East Timor to light against the indenesian diversion there, published as successful.

indonesian invasion there, peb-lic opinion was quark to demand that the Government should pay their fares. "Let them go and ger demosives danginered for their practions republic,", the Dutrin tend to say. "Let them light it out if they want to, but not on our territory."

The Notherlands, however, is The Netherlands, however, is the only territory the Molucians have to fight on and fight they will until they have settled their debt of honour. If the Dutch want them to fight where they

belong, the Moluccans reason, the faster the Netherlands and indonesia ger round the nego-tiating table, the better. In the present context of world poli-tics, the Moluccan problem is one without a solution.

### Anger at move to dump nuclear waste in mine

Berlin, May 30 👵 Some 150 demonstrators protested outside a nucleur plant near Wolfenbuttel at the weekend over plans to dispose of miclear waste in a disused salt

From Our Correspondent-

The mine, which is to be extended to a depth of 2,250ft, holds more than 83,000 barrels each containing 200 litres of the least dangerous radioactive waste and more than 1,300 barrels containing more

The plant, called Asse II, is West Germany's pilot installation and so far is the only place where nuclear waste is.

## Lefebyre Mass

From Alan McGregor Geneva, May 30 Mgr Lefebrie, the Roman referred to studial and a tupped crisis in the Church celebrated a Mass in

today. Addressing a congres 1,500, he defined to that his movement to tradition was schismati do not change direction, or the Ma

On the contrary iowers were 4 150 for the successor of a but not for the succe Jean-Jacques Ran hard de Chardin The former are affirmed that his sem Econe does not matics." But to accept a happened within the Carone these pass it would for him be tarm becoming "quairmer."

In as open letter res Pierre Mamie, Eishop same, Geneva and had appealed to people attend today's Mass be step on the way to schis Our Paris Corre writes: About 180 rr lists occupied the ch Notre Dame at Besand Sunday morning until today. This was the church in France to I over by them. St Nic Chardonner, in the quarter of Paris, he occupied since Febru. This new action has strated our descriptor obtain recognition of faith in the traditional the Abbe Coache, one leaders of the main movement, declared yest The Bishop of Be Mgr Lallier, went church ofter they had 1

over to demonstrate approval. "Whitem", the French news agency feast of unity. What is ing here today is the sition to the littingy, there is also opposicion Second Varican Council

## The love of 'bro' still dominates the Welsh valleys

the home patch with which one identifies for reasons of birth, family connexion, upbringing, or long residence. The word has a connexion of affection, as

does its derivative, brogaruch, which means the love of bro. A strong sense of neighbourhood, of community and family, is an important part of the flavour of Welsh life. Wales is a bro-federation where people think that their own patch is a cut above that of their neighbours. In the valleys of the south, for instance, people incline modestly to the that their particular valley is slightly superior to the one next door, and that makes for some fierce rivalry garwch is one of the influences that enable the small local news-

It also explains why the nos-talgic hankering for the bro has its own special word, hiraeth, and why Cardiff has a Carmarthen society and a Rhondda society where exiles from those noble places (which are not really far away) may huddle together for warmth.
All that has its part in the

opportunity.

## Regional report

## Trevor Fishlock

widening argument on local government reform in Wales. Three years ago the old 13 counties and the other local authorities were reorganized into eight large counties and 37 districts. It was an unpopular and confusing reform. The main criticism of the new pattern is that it is a two-tier system where lines of responsi-bility for some functions are unclear and anomalous, and ties are impersonal and remote.

The new county of Dyfed, encompassing Pembrokeshire, Cardiganshire and Carmarthensire, is often cited as a bad example. Indeed, in an action unprecedented in local government, the county council has voted for its abolition, saying that as soon as possible there should be a return to the old counties; and two councillors

stood down at the recent

Resentment reorganization is especially strong in Dyfed, where the three former counties have strong and distinctive identities of their own. In Pembrokeshire more people signed a petition nore people signed a pention calling for the retention of Pembrokeshire sovereigncy than voted in the previous general election.

Some people, proudly defiant, always give their address as Pembrokeshire, instead of Dyfed, which probably annoys the Post Office, which likes these things to be tidy. There are others like the tidy. There are others, like the lady in North Wales, whose Gwynedd, who always writes her address with "Merioneth" in large letters, and underneath writes Gwynedd " grudgingly, in very

Although such people are dismissed in some quarter as illogical sentimentalists, there is good reason to expect that some of the old names and boundaries of Wales will be

The Welsh Labour Party elections because they regarded conference at Liandudo Dyfed as unworkable. approved the work of a Labour Party study group which has been examining ideas for local government reform. The ideas are still in the melting pot, but the policy now being agreed envisages a system of 25 local authorities replacing the pre-sent system. Attention is being paid to the historical bounpaid a

> Some councillors and local government workers are opposed to change on the ground that such reform would cause more confusion and would be costly as well as a blow to the morale of local government workers. And in areas such as Gwynedd, where most are Welsh speaking, and public life and in education, new identity has been strongly forged, and that the new system is working efficiently.

some about "illogical semiment " the reforms that are being discussed are going to be taken more seriously and certainly no one in Wales can ignore the

#### Minister resigns in Austria over illegal arms

Vienna, May 30.—Herr Kari Lütgendorf, the Austrian Defence Minister, resigned today efter a six-month political dispute over illegal arms shipments to Syria.

Government sources said Herr Lütgendorf had confirmed he arms deal on Wednesday.

The commission, according to normed sources, said that Herr Lütgendorf failed to give Dr Kreisky the complete facts behind a shipment of 600 rifles tion to Syria last December-

## Communist call for order in Ital

From Our Own Correspondent Committee in Milan. The novel Rome, May 30 rom Our Own Correspondent Committee in Milan. The new lone, May 30 element severaled by this confersion Pietro Ingrao, the ence, he said, was the new way communist presiding officer of in which the country's demo-Communist presiding officer of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, has appealed for mass intervention in defence of law

of the Houses of Parliament others.

His nomination followed the big. The novelty was that the proCommunist gains in the general blems of law and order, the his theories about the need for Parliament to be accorded its

other aspects of democratic life should be enlarged, principally the direct contribution of the workers organizations and local

award, sir,

sign here

He launched his latest appeal yesterday at a conference on

cratic structures (parties, unions and local communities) intervention in defence of law looked on the problems of law and order. Ingrao is the first be their own problems which Cammunist to preside over one could not be delegated to

> concern not only by the political parties but by "the country's whole democratic ramification He said that the arms being used against the republic by subsersive elements were not just bombs and pismls. Above all, their weapon was fear which they were spreading with the aim of provoking mistaken

. He then proposed that every

the state. The same should be discussed by councils and by repres of cultural life shou their contribution to

As a reminder of a arising out of the coup in December, 197 Prince Tunio Valerio B The Prince himself ! General Vito Miceli nead of the counter int service and now an right-wing membe rejected defence ples postponement of the

## AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

In a time of continuing inflation, greater and greater attention is being paid to the attractions of agricultural property as an investment.

Agricultural Property which will look closely at the market for land and the pressures which act upon it. What, for example, is happening as a result of taxational and

planning legislation; what are the effects of foreign and insti-

On July 1st, The Times plans to publish a Special Report on

tutional land purchase; are prices about to take off? For all those involved in the Agricultural Property market this Report will be required reading, and for all those who wish to influence them it is an exceptional advertising

If you would like further details of this Times Special Report which will be made available at the Royal Show, contact:

> John M. Wilson, The Times. New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ. Telephone 01-837 1234, ext. 7126.



## In brief Summons over

snooker Miss Gay Rice, of Broumhill, Sheffield, has taken out a summons under the Sex Discrimination Act against Mr Albert Chatterton, landlord of the Wellington Inn, who

snooker table there. The case will be heard at Sheffield Crown Court on June 16.

Fireman killed

Railway police have begun an investigation into the death of Mr Ian Collier, a fireman, of Hall Green, Burningham, who was struck by an express train near Solchull on Sunday night, shortly after a fire on the embankment had been extinguished.

Opera costs rise

Higher seat prices are to be charged by the English National Opera at the London Coliseum starting in August. In a cir-cular to subscribers, Lord Harewood, managing director of ENO, said the level of grants received had not kept up with inflation.

Waste control

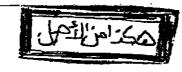
It will be an offence after June 14 to store or deposit waste in England and Wales without a licence. The maximum penalties under the Con-trol of Pollution Act, 1974, will be a fine of £400 or five years'

Housewife wins

A Margate housewife was the council's opening lottery to claim her prize (£100), but the £1,000 jackpot winner and the £500 runner-up had not come orward yesterday.

Man killed by crane Mr Edward Garner, aged 52, a road-sweeper, was killed when a 300-ton jib crane which was ...80,000 m<sup>2</sup> of super-stressed multi-panelled flexiglass over a concranium-coated plasteel frame and the architect thinks he could get a design

National Westminst Chaplam North Branch



# V<sub>ali</sub>que

ustrialist r Correspondent -

May 30

n bearing the signature
Javier de Yberra, the
industrialist kidnapped
ago by the Basque
t organization ETA, eived today in the court at Bilbao. This is

to be the first commu-

from him since his

as still not made public nds in return for the ase of Senor de Ybarra. eved that those respon-the kidnepping form a group, which has away from the main ETA over policy dis-ins. However the positi-ary wing of ETA denied weekend in a report s that it is divided. ld mount another can violence, it said, if the vent did not release all n the general election

ted five Basque priso-1 similar measures for rs are being planned, i judicial authorities to be resisting their

## reat to children fugitive

escribed as the brain of g led by Renato Vallan-he jailed Italian bandit, eatened to kill children imprisoned women, all members of the same re not released by to-police reported today. r Colia, aged 30, from jail with five ang members early this

e said they had received in which Signor said: making several artempts ince police that my girl Giuseppina Usuelli, and I friends of two of my es are innocent. I myself all responsibility death which I will

with bombs and any cans I have if Toesday I those persons are not so said: "I have the of destroying lives of

alists' cars

## n fire

n, May 30.—The cars of local Socialist Party were set on fire at capital of the Portu Madeira islands, where italists have denounced ons on freedom.

Azores, Socialists have by may come activity ey may cease activity of threats to their Separatist movements

island groups are seek-lependence from Por-Agence France Presse.

stresser

# Mrs Carter leaves on South American tour leaving as her husband's special envoy

From Fred Emery Washington, May 30 Washington, May 50
Mrs Rosalym Carter, the
President's wife, left roday on
her first diplomenic mission, a
forthnight's journey to South
American countries, including
disgruntled allies like Brazil. Mrs Carter is travelling as the President's personal envoy, but she insists that she will do no negotisting. White House officials emphasize, however, that this is meant to be more than the traditional goodwill tour.

The President has made it clear that he does not wish to travel outside the United States again this year and so is

States again this year and so is sending his wife and avowed political partner. There could be no more dramatic demonstration of the President's interest in Lati n America. Mr. Jody Powell, the President's press secretary, said.

Mrs Carter said before the left: "I can give them an overall general view of our foreign policy. I can explain to them that, in the Carter Administration, there will be an open and wider foreign policy."

Obviously, she will also be

n the general election

15.

Dessage added that the pile arrested by Civil in San Sebastian last were not an uncongroup? as had been but part of the main mikitary organization, ad been sent to San a to blow up a Civil one overnment has already ted five Basque prisothat soft Georgia peach in the mouth style.

mouth style. The Brazilians, unofficially, made it clear they thought their own importance, and their present impasse in relations over nuclear arms and human rights, required more than a mere First Lady. Other macho complaints buzzing in Washington suggested that other hosts were somewhat nettled at having to deal with a woman they presume uninformed.

informed.

They may be in for some surprises. Mrs Carter is a better public speaker than her husband and she has been taking Spanish lessons for the past three months. She has been to half a dozen Latin American countries before when her husband was governor of Georgia. It would not surprise observers if she took a populist leaf from her husband's book and charmed peoples where she could not im-

She will fly, in succession, to Jamaica, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Colombia and

Kentucky club

not exceed 170

that it would be double.

Southgate, Kentucky, May 30.

Police hope the final death toll

from the nightclub fire here

last weekend will not be much-

above 160, despite earlier fears

No more bodies were found in the rubble today as rescuers continued the task of searching

the rums of the Beverly Hills Supper Club, the police said.

Dr Fred Stine, the local coroner, said 111 bodies had

been identified so far. Another 55 had been reported missing.

mained unclear, although Dr Stine said he had heard that

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President Carter and his daughter Amy see Mrs Carter to a waiting jet aircraft in St Simons Island, Georgia, on her way to visit seven countries of South America.

Venezuela. Officials here say that the countries have been number of policy points, rang-ing from friendly democracies to allied military regimes that are not beyond the pale. She is not going to Chile.

There will be much empha-sis on a mutual "reassess-ment" of hemispheric relations, as proposed by the President in his Pan-American Day speech last month.

Mrs Carter will also be able

Mr Young's achievements

From Our Own Correspondent tries had for the United States.

praised by US President

no bring reassurance on two important issues for all coun-tries south of the border. The

Washington, May 30

"We see the possibility of war in the southern part of Africa as being ever-present",

Mr Carter said in an interview

with the weekly US News and

. He said that there had been no disagreement between him-self and Mr Andrew Young his

permanent representative to the

United Nations, "on the thrust of our policy or statements on

has been too slow.

World Report.

an oil-fuelled generator in the basement had exploded. It appeared the fire spread rapidly through the air conditioning system.—Reuter.

Africa:

Mr Carter said that Mr Young had made great strides in repairing the damage of past hatreds which developing coun-

first one is that negotiations are with her an explanation of the going well for a new arrange impending amnesty and of ment governing the Panama forthcoming stringencies for Canal. A new fair deal with Panama is seen as the gauge of tually all Latin Americans.

Secondly, there is the question of illegal immigration into the United States. The issue mostly concerns Mexico, which is exporting its overpopulation, but all countries in the Hemisphere have an interest in how the fate of six million or so illegal aliens already here is settled.
Mrs Carter is likely to take

He had also given the Carter

"If there's one overwhelming

impression that's growing on me, it's the long-range strategic

need-looking 10, 15, 20 years

the Third World.

impending amnesty and of forthcoming stringencies for future immigrants. St Simons Island, Georgia

May 30.—President Carter said today he expected indications in the next few weeks of improved relations between the United States and Cuba but said they would stop "far short of recognition".

Talking to reporters at Brunswick, where he saw his wife off, said: "It would be better for this Hemisphere if Cuba did have good relations with the nations here."—AP.

## Bangladesh poll backs President

Dacca, May 30.—First results rom today's referendum in Bangladesh on President Ziaur Rahman and his policies were heavily in favour of the President.

President Carter believes that far from moving too fast with his African policy, his progress centres showed 19,574 votes for bim and 207 against. Unofficial results indicated that he had received 213,506 votes in 127 tria, France and Britain. centres, with 2,016 against.

## West fails to prevent Namibia hanging

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, May 30

Filemon Nangolo, convicted last year of murdering four whites in Namibia (South-West Africa), was hanged in Windhoek at dawn today despite appeals by the five Western members of the United Nations Security Council for a reprieve.

Mr Nangolo, who was 26, was convicted as an accomplace in he murders last year of Mrs Shirley Louw and her son Bertus, aged 12, and a German couple, Mr Gerd Walther and his wife Eke. He had been paralysed from his waist down after being wounded by police

Last Friday Sir David Scott, the British Ambassador to South Africa, delivered a Note to the South African Government call-ing for a stay of execution and a commutation of sentence. Representatives from the American, French, West German and Canadian Embassies made similar appeals.

They argued that Mr Nan-

golo's execution, coming at this particular juncture, would make more difficult the task of the five Western nations trying to negotiate a peaceful solution for the territory's future.

Their intervention followed an appeal by Mr Daniel Tjongarero. deputy chairman of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), to the United Nations to stop the execution. He said is would break down all possibilities of

an internal solution to the prob-lems of Namibia.

Meanwhile a diplomatic Note from the five-nation "contact group" was handed to the South African Government today aimed at arranging a fur-ther meeting with the South

It now seems likely that representatives of the "contact group" will meet Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, and other Cabinet ministers next week, possibly on June 8. The Security Council is due to begin a debate on South Africa's poli-

Zambia call

Before then it is expected there will be a meeting in Cape Town between the Government and members of the Turnhalle conference. It will be their first meeting since the Turnhalle delegates had talks with Western representatives in Windhoek last mouth and since

Mr Vorster's meeting with Vice-President Mondale of the United States in Vienna. It is hoped that two key issues will be clarified during the forthcoming talks involving the Turnhalle, South Africa and the Western nations. The first is to what extent the 11 ethnic groups represented at the Turn-halle, would be prepared to drop their ethnic differences and take part in free elections on a multiracial basis.

Five of the groups, headed by Dr Benjamin Afrika, have agreed in principle to establish a non-racial political party based on the Turnballe con-ference. However, some of the other groups, notably the whites, are guarded on this

South Africa's original inten-tion to pass legislation during the current parliamentary session setting up an interim government for the territory based on the Turnhalle confer-

ence.
Mr Mondale indicated in Vienna that any interim admini-stration must be broadly representative and acceptable to all Namibians and the international community.

On Friday Mr Vorster told arliament that legislation would be introduced to estabwould be introduced to estab-lish a "central administrative authority" for the territory. He avoided any references to an "interim government", which has reinforced speculation that he is prepared to give way to the West on this point. British regret: The Foreign Office expressed "great regret" at roday's execution. It said

at today's execution. It said that Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, had told Swapo of his personal concern at the fate o fMr Nangolo.

## Army unity for walkout | plea in Over Uganda Argentina Lusaka, May 30.—President Kaunda of Zambia left here toBuenos Aires, May 30 From Our Correspondent

day for a European tour which will include the Commonwealth numit in London beginning on As he left, the semi-official

Times of Zambia called President Amin of Uganda a "mon-ster or madman or both" who had disgraced Africa and said efforts should be made to prevent him from attending the London summit. In a leading article the news-paper said that if President Amin attended, other African

leaders should walk out when

be spoke. President Kaunda's tour is to

E Germany/Poland/Czech Hungary Western military districts

Northern military districts Caucasian military districts

Buenos Aires, May 30
General Jorge Rafuel Videla, the Army commander and President, has called for "monolithic unity" within the Argentine unity within the Army, while pointedly stating that "nothing and nobody" will divert its leaders from their present

course.
In an Army Day speech yesterday, seen as a strong reply to right wing critics within the torces, General Videla reemphasized that dia-logue with civilian sectors was the best way to restore national unity and avert any isolation of the military Government.

The idea of consultation with politicians and others is believed to have aroused consider-able impatience among some

## Timing open on Quebec independence plebiscite

From John Best

Ottawa, May 30 The Parti Québecois possessement of Quebec has been given a free hand by the party membership to work out the timing of its proposed referendum on the province's separation from

Canada. Delegates to the party's weekend policy convention of Montreal passed a series of moderate resolutions that generally agreed with the govern-ment and demonstrated Pre-mier Rene Levesque's com-

mand of the party.

The 1,500 delegates rescinded the party's earlier pledge to take an independent pledge to take an independent Quebec our of Nato and the agreement between the United States and Canada on North American air defence. They did not, however, change their party's commitment to "a paci-fist foreign policy based on the rejection of recourse to war".

Mr Bernard Landry Econo-mic Development Minister for the province, explained the change on Nato by saying that the Warsaw Pact countries had shown little sign of demobilization in recent years. The socia-list parties of western Europe accepted Nato. "Why would a social democratic party like ours do otherwise?"

Despite strong arguments for pinning the government down on a time for the inde-pendence referendum, the convention decided to let Mr Lévesque and his ministers arrange their own timing. The Premier has said that the vote would take place some time in his first five-year term, which

began last November. A resolution adopted by the convention said the Parti Québécois would "promote as far as possible the autonomy of Quebec during the period to be spent in the present federal regime". This conforms with the Lévesque government's policy of working within the Canadian Confederation while Quebec remains a part of it, but at the same time trying to widen its jurisdiction.

The government's overall control of the convention did not prevent delegates from passing a group of resolutions, opposed by ministers, effectively endorsing the principle of abortion on demand.

Mr Levesque immediately announced that the govern-ment would not consider itself bound by the resolutions: A decision on such a contru-versial issue cannot be made at the congress level alone."
The delegates strongly sup-

ported language legislation now being considered, which would severely restrict the use of English in the province's school system.

#### New Egyptian town

Cairo, May 30. - President Sadat yesterday laid the first stone of a new industrial town east of here, the first of six residential and industrial centres designed to relieve con-

## Danger seen of Soviet attack by miscal culation FORCES TABLE

in the future—for a close friendship and mutual trust, social and political alkiance with the developing nations of the world", the President said.

Mr Carter refused to be drawn on the Likud victory in the legal of the design of the likud victory in the legal of t Continued from page 1 bigger than those in the War-

the Israeli general election, except to say that he could not saw Pact, although Britain believe any reasonable Israeli leader would not maintain a and France's new restructured divisions will be (if any-thing) slightly smaller. There commitment to withdraw from occupied territory in return for are also more extra divisional forces, such as corps troops and independent brigades. If 4,000 Canadian troops in

Europe are added and perhaps 20,000 Danes who would also probably be involved on the fringe of the central European battlefield, a total of 725,000 soldiers is reached.

For the purposes of negotiat-ing at the troop reduction talks in Vienna. Nato has assessed the number of Warsaw Pact troops in the central region at 925,000. But this is the sum total of the

Professor William Kaufmann of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Pentagon consultant analyst, has estimated the number of combat troops as 780,000. On this calculation the active manpower ratio in central Europe is not unreasonable, although the Warsaw Pact has considerably more tanks. Nor does this include the American, British and French brigades in Berlin which, although obviously vul-nerable, might tie down some Warsaw Pact troops in the initial phase. The old convention that an attack should build up a three-

to-one advantage before being confident of breaking through the defence is hardly relevant any more. For one thing it presupposes that the defensive position is well fortified, and for another it has been over-

Central Soviet Union Southern Soviet Union Far East This table shows the current positioning of Soviet Army divisions. It is generally assumed that those in East Germany. Poland and Czechoslovakia, and the 28 units in the western military districts of the Soviet Union, would be used in central Europe. taken by advances in fire-power and mobility. Dr James Schlesinger, when

United States Secretary of Defence, said that an aggressor in central Europe could probably achieve a breaththrough with a superiority of only 1.5 Even so, given the uncertain-ties, it is more likely that if the Russians ever did contem-

the Russians ever the contemplate war on the West they would prefer to add their 28 divisions in the western military districts of the Soviet Union to the in-place forces in East Europe. This would give the Warsaw Pact a total of 86 divisions on line or more divisions on line, or more probably, to echelon. Only three of these 28 divi-sions are Category-1 units.

Seventeen more are Soviet Category-2 divisions kept at be-tween half and three-quarters strength, and the remaining three are Category-3, with no more than a third of their full

tions for Nato is how long it would take the Russians to bring how many of these divi-sions to the front, and how quickly they might bring them into fighting formation. The Russians would probably

need two days after mobiliza-tion day in which to prepare for the considerable task of transporting these divisions and their equipment to East Europe. Then, by using a combination of air, road and rail, they might be able to move the divisions at the rate of two a day or perhaps three every a day or perhaps three every four days. Allowing for some delay in plumping out Category 3 divisions and for bringing the units on line when they have arrived, analysts reckon that the fighting formation would ready 30 days after mobilization day—and most Pentagon planning is done on this assumption.

However, Nato at present assumes that for the first seven

days it might do nothing because it would be trying to assess whether the Warsaw Pact troops were preparing for Total war or were merely exercising. Then even after Nato's own mobilization day. Western reinforcements—particularly the all-important American troops—would arrive slowly to take their place in West Ger-

About the time that Nato was reaching a decision to mobilize, the Warsaw Pact troops, ostensibly gathered for military manoeuvres, would roll forward over the North German plain—and the Russian tactical air reinforcements would also have arrived at this point

That the Soviet Union might want to launch an unprovoked attack of this kind on the West seems so remote as to be beyond serious consideration.— Slightly more feasible is the scenario sketched by Mr Robert McNamara eight years. ago when he referred to the possibility of "conflict arising from miscalculations during a period of tension".

More feasible still is that the . Russians could build up such a-margin of superiority that they could use it to exert political influence. The West, though not short of money or overall manpower, would have to sub-mit through sheer lack of time.

The big question is how Nato could purchase more time, and what price its member states should be pre-pared to pay-in terms of both dollars and detente. Tomorrow: Some answers and

assessments

#### N Korea leader lends name to exotic orchid From Our Correspondent Hongkong, May 30 Horticulturists in Hongkong, Maoila and Tokyo have been

informed that "an exotic new type of orchid" has been cultivated in North Korea. It has been named Kimilsunia in homage to President

Kim Il Sung. The small leaflets from Pyongyang-clearly official but bearing no government impri-matur—do not describe the appearance, colour or attrib-utes of the new orchid. But a Hongkong botanist has pre-dicted that, if the orchid reflected the qualities of its name, it "would seek to spread its roots into neighbour-





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Delhi, May 30

The Indian Government has ordered a judicial inquiry into the two days of violent disturbances last week in Dimapur, the chief Nagaland town of the plains and an important Army

Mr Charan Singh, the Home Affairs Minister, announcing the inquiry, blamed "certain misguided sections of students and of the youth of Nagaland who had committed deplorable of violence, arson, and looting.

According to reports from Nagaland, about 50 people, chiefly student leaders, have been arrested during disturbances in which about 50 to 70 buildings in Dimapur were set on fire. No figures have

ment, which set up Nagaland as a state in 1963 in answer to the armed struggle for inde-pendence, has funded Naga-land's development budget more generously than that of any other state, the Nagas con-

tinue to feel underprivileged. The United Democratic Front (UDF), which allied itself with the Janara (People's) Party to defeat the Congress Party in March, included more economic development, especially for the backward areas, in its 10-point programme.

The defeat of the Congress Party underlined strong local semiment for a greater degree of regional autonomy, despite Delhi's sensitivity on

The UDF accepted the

greement, which substantially ended the intermittent guerrilla struggle, and the party is now hoping to win power in the state legislative elections promised by Delhi for this

Before the elections take lace, the UDF is also hoping or the "final settlement" for the which was promised in Shillong agreement to the Nagaland problem. In particular, it is hoping that next month's meeting in London bemonth's meeting in London between Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister, and Mr A. Z. Phizo, the exiled Naga leader will, at the least, cause the teteran leader to associate himself with a settlement which the UDF believes the overwhelming majority of Nagas now want. Nagas now want.

been given of the injured.

Dimapur is a town with a large immigrant population, including many Punjabis and Bengalis. Historically, the Nagas have shuuned the plains, but conomic progress has brought conomic progress has brought among 10 rival factions. Many of their former militant leaders are physically broken after several years' imprisonment, often in primitive country jails. As a humanitarian gesture, the Government has just re-leased about 500 of these detainess in West Bengal, only to confront the anarcho-nihilist movement with the ultimate indignity: the fate of about 400 more Naxalites still in jail now depends on a review of individual cases by a committee of civi servants.

These officials sit, moreover in the Writers' Building, Cal-cutta's famous Victorian red-brick and ironwork monument to the British Raj. Bureaucracy must really be indestructible. the Naxalites no doubt think, as they sit in their cells pordering on whether to sign the pledge of future good political conduct which the Bengali civil servants require of them.

## Mr Sanjay Gandhi to be given bail if arrested

Minister, was today granted a request for bail should he be arrested during investigations into his business affairs. He had asked on Saturday for

Mr Justice V. D. Mishra of the Delhi High Court ordered set that Mr Gandhi, who headed the to Maruti group of companies which is to be investigated by a he freed on 5.000-rupee (£330)

Delhi, May 30.—Mr Sanjay bail with a surety for the same andhi, son of Mrs Indira amount. It is common in India andhi, the former Prime to grant bail before arrest. At the same time, Indian tax sell parts of the Maruti car factory to recover tax arrears

of about £63,000. Two days ago the Government set up a one-man commission investigate the Maruti which during Mrs Gandhi's rule was awarded licence to mass-produce a small

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## to discuss crisis with **Opposition**

From Our Correspondent Islamabad, May 30

Mr Bhutto has agreed to open negotiations on Friday with the opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) to discuss the country's worst political crisis for six years.

The Prime Minister has met Mufti Mahmud, the PNA presi-dent, several times in the last two months but this week's talks will be formal negotiations between the two sides, each represented by three leaders. Mr Bhutto will head the ruling People's Party negotiators and Mufri Mahmud will be accommunically by Namehon to Nacestleb panied by Nawabzada Nasruliah Khan of the United Democratic Front and Professor Ghafoor Ahmad of the Jamate Islami. Pakistau's crisis stems from

the bitterly contested general election in March which the Opposition alleged was rigged Opposition leaders rejected several previous requests by Mr Bhutto for negotiations unless he first agreed to call another general election. It appears that a new election will be discussed, although Mr Kausar Niazi, the People's Party secretary, said today that the talks will take place "without any reservations

of mind or subject " Mr Niazi also said that Mr Bhutto had ordered the release from detention of one of the principal PNA leaders, Begum Nasim Wali Khan, as a gesture

Lahore, May 30.—Five senior judges walked out of the Lahore High Court today in protest against a remark by Mr Yahya Bakhtiar, the Attor-ney General, that one of them should not be on the bench. The court was hearing a petition challenging the imposition

of martial law. The Attorney General later apologized in open court.-

#### Terrorist tract read out to shocked bankers

Guatemala City, May 30.— About 1,200 delegates attending the annual meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank were shocked today when the bank secretary opened the proceedings by reading out a five-page manifesto from the Guerrilla Army of the People.

left-wing terrorist organization had promised to release Señor Eduardo Casanova Sanduval, the kidnapped Ambassador of El Salvador, on condition that the manifesto was read at the meeting

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his daughters Janna (left) and Svetlana, in New York.

## Reunion for survivor of Stalin

New York, May 30.—Dr Victor Herman has been re-united there with his two Russian daughters, lending a rare happy note to one of the more bizarre and painful lives lived by an American.

Dr Herman, who went with his family as a youth to Russia and won fame as "the Lindburgh of the Sorier Union" for his flying exploits, was jailed in the Stalin purges. He amount to single at the staling and went to single at the staling and Yesterday Dr Herman, aged 61, put the horrors of his past away. He drank champagne with his daughters, Svetlana, aged 25, and Janna, 20, who

#### At least 44 die as train plunges into Indian river

Delhi, May 30.—At least 44 people were killed and more than 100 injured today when the locomotive and four coaches of an express train plunged into river in eastern India. An Indian Army unit travelling on the train managed to rescue about 100 people from the

The accident occurred about 70 miles from Gauhati as the train passed over a bridge damaged by rain. The weather was reported to be hampering further rescue efforts.
Official sources in Delhi said

it was difficult to estimate the number of passengers in the four coaches. Two of the coaches were still submerged.

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Havana, May 30 .- Cuba and Jamaica have agreed on a programme of economic and techyear after a week of meetings.

spent 18 years in Siberian prison camps, sometimes eating rats, worms and slugs to sur-vive, and was then exiled with his wife and children beyond the Arctic circle.

Eventually he was pardoned, became a professor of English in Moscow, and was finally allowed to return to the United States last year. Now his daughters have been allowed to join him and soon, he hopes, his wife, whom he says he was forced to divorce, will also be allowed to emigrate.

# arrived at Kennedy airport at the weekend, drove with them in a horse and carriage around Central Park and took them to the top of the Empire State Building. Dr. Herman was arrested,

with almost all the other Americans in Gorky in 1938 on his return from flying for the Republicans in the Spanish civil

He rells of being torrured and nearly starved to death in a prison camp in Siberia where

Throughout, even after his pardon, he never gave up his American citizenship and always insisted on being allowed to return.—Reuter and AD

## China accuses Russians of subversion in Africa

Peking. May 30.—China today attacked Soviet strategy in Africa on the front pages of the official newspaper the

People's Daily.
The article, which praised
"Zaire's routing of a Moscowengineered invasion", was
accompanied by a report and map depicting alleged Soviet moves to subvert African economies and seize vital trade

The wording was uncom-promising even by Peking's standards. Headed "The Africa madness of the new tsars", one commentary said that after serbacks in Egypt and Sudan, the "sinister hands of the Russian bear" were stretching into all parts of the continent

and even using mercenaries (an allusion to the Cubans). The newspaper gave a etailed account of Peking's detailed account of Peking's view of the Zaire conflict which, it claimed, had "unmasked the repulsive features of Soviet social imperialism

unmatched in its rapacity and shamelessness. . . Moscow: Tass said today that

the methods of the new Peking leadership hat dashed hopes that the death of Mao Tsetung would bring "positive changes" in China. The news agency also accused Chinese leaders of poisoning their people's minds with hatred for the Soviet Union.

Cairo: Egypt, which hopes to improve its strained relations with the Russians but refuses to send its foreign minister to Moscow, remained at logger-heads with the Soviet Union after talks failed today to fix a site for a foreign ministers' meeting. Mr Vladimir Polyakov, the

Soviet Ambassador to Egypt, met Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Foreign Minister, last night Foreign Minister, last night and again this morning. An Egyptian spokesman said they reached no agreement on a site for Mr Fahmi's planned meeting with Mr Gromyko.—Reuter. Istanbul, May 30.—A fifth person died today after bomb explosions in an airport and a railway station in Istanbul vesterday. At least 42 people were injured.

## In brief Black journalists

reject offer Johannesburg, May 30.—
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white colleagues to form 2
multiracial professional association, a spokesman fix the
Union of Black Journalists sold.
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South African Society of Journalists to reconstitute itself our lists to reconstitute itself our side South Africa's Industrial Conciliation Act, which pro-hibits black memberships, was another attempt by whites to enter the international arona after being shunned", the

Car bomb attack Tokyo, May 30.—An Emmanued, radio-controlled car containing a bomb today crashed through a line of police vehicles on the highway leading to Tokyo's controlled to the control leading to Tokyo's controversial new airport, which has been the target of protests for years, but failed to explode.

union said.

#### Audubon prints stolen

Key West, Florida, May 30.—Thieves at the weekend stole more than 400 of James Audubon's watercolours of North American birds, valued at £235,300, from his former home here, which is now a museum.

Jane Wright, a 20-year-old Manchester woman held with three others in a Somalian jail accused of spying, is fit and well according to Mr Albert Gunderson, the British Consul, who visited her.

#### Rig defended

Tripoli, May 30.—The Libran Government, rejecting ciains, by Tunisia that an American oil drilling rig, called the J. M. Bates is exploring in Tunisian waters, said it was 26 miles inside Libyan waters.

#### Nurse on trial

Bangkok, May 30.— Rita Nightingale, aged 23, a nurse from Blackburn, arrested on March 19 for allegedly attempting to smuggle out beroin, will appear in court here on Monday, legal sources said.

#### £8m drugs haul

Chester, Nova Scotia, July 30.—Police found 61 tons of hashish and marijuana, worth \$14m (£8,800,000) on board a schooner which docked here. Three Americans and a Canadian were arrested.

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## MPs unhappy at rate of progress on human rights

tion in Europe.

Drawn up by the defence and external affairs subcom-mittee, mainly on the basis of evidence from Whitehall offi-cials, it is not short of advice for Britain's delegation to the Belgrade review conference on the same theme. The preparatory phase opens on June 15.

The MPs found kirde progress on buman rights, and noted that in some cases there appeared to have been a deterioration.

deterioration. The performance of the Soviet Union and some Eastern block countries in facilitating. family contacts is described as disappointing, and Britain intends to raise this "unsatisfactory general performance" at ern states should "err on the side of firmness." when steer-

of individual cases had been settled.

The number of visa applications for private visits to Britain by citizens of East sive response, and that by European countries had not changed significantly over the past six years, except in the case of Poland, where it increased from 13,428 in 1970, to 19,281 in 1976.

The cost of a passport in the Soviet Union was reduced grade matters such as the from 400 to 300 roubles, but the new fee still represented 2! mouths' average income, the report said. It also remained very high in Poland and Bul-country is immune from criticism.

#### Mr Podgorny absent for state welcome

Moscow, May 30.—President Podgorny, dropped last week from the Politburo of the Soviet Communist Parry, failed to appear with other Kremlin leaders inday to greet Mr Todor Zhivkov, the President of Bulgaria, who is visiting the Soviet Union.

It was the first important state occasion since Mr Pod-gorny's removal from the Polirburo that the President would normally have attended. His absence was seen as further confirmation of his political

Mr Brezhnev, the party secretary, is widely expected to take on the role of head of state as well as his party post later this year. He took the salute roday with Mr Zhivkov. There has been no explana-tion of Mr Podgorny's depar-tine from the Polithurn but it is believed to have been the Polish W connected with the new Soviet constitution.—Reuter.

Leading article, page 15 details.—AP:

Warsaw, May 30.—Two Polish writers' groups are seeking the release from prison of Jan Jozef Lipski, a dissident literary critic, who they say is suffering from bear; and kidney trouble, dissident sources said today.

Mr Lipski is one of 10 arrested dissidents whose detention has led to a protest hunger strike by 14 people in a Warsaw church. The Polish chapter of the PEN Club, of which Mr. Lipski

is a member, has appealed to the Minister of Culture and the General Prosecutor's office to release him on the ground that he is dangerously H. The chapter also has asked the London headquarters of the international writers' organization to intervene. The sources said the headquarters had promised aid. The dissident sources said

the Polish Writers' Union also had "undertaken steps" to free Mr Lipski, but gave no

By Roger Berthoud wished to visit or be reunited with "illegal" emigrants or couraging", is the verdict of political suspects, especially in the first House of Commons Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and report on the implementation the Soviet Union; and free the Helsinki agreement of the Helsinki agreement. of the Helsinki agreement of quently a close relative had to 1975 on security and coopera be left behind as a "hostage". The subcommittee also found little evidence of the positive and humanitarian spirit called for in Helsinki over appli-cations for family remions. cials, it is not short of advice. But the report noted that for Britain's delegation to the the Soviet Union had continued to allow greater numbers of "ethnic" Germans to leave, that there was a small increase over 1975 in the number of Jews allowed out, and that in both Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia there had been progress in family reunious in-

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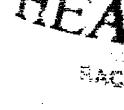
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## Small is better: American art in Cambridge

an art. Jubilation: American Art During the Reign of Elizabeth II at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, until June 18 makes this point by the work it contains, although I don't think this is quite what is meant by the title (I am not really sure what is.)

America had been the most powerful nation on earth since at least the end of the First World War. And at least since then Americans had been then Americans had been producing major works in painting, sculpture and photography. But in Europe there had been little acknowledgement of the fact. The record is still not put straight, although the exhibition of American art from 1908 to 1935 to be shown at the Edinburgh Festival in August and later at the Hayward in London should bein to show that the development of American art was not just a American art was not just a sudden burst of activity after the Second World War.

The dissemination and pro-

The discinnation and promotion of postwar American act was to a large extent the result of a highly charged policy of cultural bombardment by various United States agencies in Europe. It is sometimes tempting to think that the reputation of the work is the results of that constitute is the reputation of the work is the result of that operation of cultural colonization rather than of intrinsic quality. However, looking at the small but well-chosen exhibition at the Fitzwilliam—particularly in the light of our own attempt at cultural self-bolstering, the Hayward Annual, which opened last week—is to be reminded that American art since the war is,

now played second fiddle (or tion "What about the Bau-thard or fourth) to the United haus?", "I consider the Bau-States. Soon, too, we had to haus too long ago to think admit that America also had about, and I never thought an art. Iubilation: American about it much." Many American

abstract clothes.

There is a comic work at Cambridge by William Wegman which pokes fun at a classic Bauhaus inquiry circulated among students. They had to fill in a form saying which colour (red, yellow and blue) they associated with the triangle, the square and the circle. Wegman's work shows a series of photographs of a bewildered dog undergoing some variant

of photographs of a bewildered dog undergoing some variant of this test. In the last photograph faced with a full combination of circle, triangle and square the dog appears to have slipped off the box he has been standing on and sprawls limbs awry gazing at these geometric forms in amazement.

Nearly all the works in the exhibition are lent from private collections or deaders' gallenes. The show was put together by the Mayor Gallery. Akhough many of the iteans are small, they are nearly all good examples of each artist's work. Don Judd's galvanized iron tray is so small it hooks like a dish for Wegman's dog's dinner or a cat-litter tray. The 12 steel plates by Carl Andre are so tiny that it is easy to 

been that of overblown scale, reviewed when it was at the and the works at the Fitzwil- Amolfini, Bristol, in the stam are often good just spring, is now at the Whitechabecause their size is right. pel in London.

In the early years of the reign at its best, both varied and Even the large unfinished cube of Elizabeth II the British had vital.

The sculptor Don Judd said ter, akinough large, isolated now played second fiddle for in 1964, in answer to the questions other work than in the tedious demonstration, in Lewitt's show now in Oxford, of every possibility of unfinished

> about it much." Many American artists of that generation is that many American artists have a good idea, but it is that many American artists have a good idea, but it is that many American artists have a good idea, but it is often only one good idea, and repeated endlessly it becomes the diston, even when dressed in abortact clothes.
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> There is a comic work at to one another. One example of this is Morris Louis, whose psychedelic veils of colour appear in quantity mindless and repetitive, but isolated in a single example have resonance. Even Rotiko, a much bener painter, can pall in quantity, but resounds here in a particularly beautiful example, Light Earth and Blue.

Roy Light barth and fittle.

Roy Light has a nice verbal irony in the "thinks balloon" as she muses at the keyboard:

"Although he holds his brush and palette in his hands, I know his heart is always with me." Werhol's Six Self-portraits is a superfive manipulatraits is a superbly manipula-ted repetition and variation on a mechanically produced image. A slighter but witty arrist, Tom Wesselman's Great American Nude No 70 echoes visually with proruding ton-gue and open hips her nipples, which resemble pink himpers changing to her breasts.

Dennis Oppenheim shows a photo-montage of a land sculp-ture, Time-line, drawn in the snow with a 10hp Snow Mobile. Robert Smithson used bulkdozers and dumper trucks to make his land sculptures. He is not represented at Cambridge, but the show of drawings and photographs of his works I

NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.

Ridge, 1972, by Walter Pichler

Smithson was killed in an air- is so tenuous that too much is . In the little gallery are phocrash while working on one of left to the imagination, at least his land sculptures; he hardly had time to repeat himself. Richard Long does not use such heavy mechanical equip-

for mine.

Walter Pichler is an Austrian architect whose drawings and structures are much closer to such heavy mechanical equipment, not at least when working "in the field", but his own feet and hands—although the roseate stones of Venice in his last year's Biennale piece arrived there by lorry on a motor-boat, not by gondola. The new works at the Lisson Gallery, records of walks or maps or by means of a photograph, are evocative but slight. If the art is in the making of the walk, the evidence of this sculptures are much closer to sculpture than to architecture. Many of these works, tableaux or altar-like in appearance, are very similar to sculptures by Anton Christian, another Austrian artist whose works I have written about several times in these columns. I gather that Pichler was doing it first, which I find disconcerting, for Christian's work seemed to me to have more resonance, but that may be because I saw it before Pichler's.

tographs by Keith Arnatt called Looking at me. These are pictures of dogs and their owners looking at the camera and thus at the photographer (and us). Some bear the legendary resemblance to one another, others represent the attraction of opposites; all are symmathetically posed fugury sympathetically posed, funny without making fun of either pets or owners, or exploiting

The Whitechapel exhibitions continue until June 26. I hope to discuss the Hayward Annual of British Art next week.

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## Interesting new music group from Yorkshire

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The forces are a little less

Christoph Eschenbach

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Few tunes are more familiar

than "Baa, baa, black sheep".

Yet as the theme of Mozart's

early "Ah, vous dirai-je,

maman" (as the French would

say) variations, K265. Chris-

tooh Eschenbach brought it up

with all the ringling freshness

of a new discovery at the start

of his recital on Sunday. Even

if certain decisions were open

to question in the course of the

afternoon, whatever he did had the same immediacy, com-pelling you to sit up and listen.

Even Mozart himself, still

making his bid as a virtuoso,

CINEMAS

constricting than my list above may suggest. The clarinertists play various sizes of instrument, as well as a saxophone; the violinist is also a violist. But their repertory must be firmly based on Webern, who, in a selection of pieces informally and helpfully introduced by Professor Goehr, occupied the second half of their programme. They played the music with exemplary skill and precision and a real sense of involvement.

dramatic singer of considerable vigour. Wendy Nightingale played the piano variations of with delicacy: a crisply and with delicacy: a performance of exceptional take not to equip us with copies of Ken Smith's texts; the storing is rich, and words could only be heard clearly in the showed his dramatic powers in Birtwistle's Linoi, a tour de storing is rich, and words could only be heard clearly in the showed his dramatic powers in Birtwistle's Linoi, a tour de storing is rich, and words could only be heard clearly in the showed his dramatic powers in Birtwistle's Linoi, a tour de storing and a real sense of involvement.

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their personnel decrees that their repertory must be firmly based on Webern, who, in a selection of pieces informally and helpfully introduced by Professor Goehr, occupied the second half of their programme. They played the music with exemplary skill and precision and a real sense of involvement. Jean Knibbs produced some beautiful lyrical singing in the first, and a fine, shapely floaring line in the third, of the "Abendland" songs of the Trakl Sechs Lieder; she is a lucidity. In the first half they played British music. Their first clarinettist, Ian Mitchell showed his dramatic powers in Birtwistle's Linoi, a tour deforce of technique and expression; Michael Sill strike me as exceptionally powerful and well organized, powerful and well organized, formance. We also had John McCabe's impressive and cogent trio, with Anna Shuttleworth the eloquent cellist.

might have been dazzled by Mr
Eschenbach's finger-work in the variations. Despite fast tempo, he found time to cosset textural felicities and points of cunning, like imitation and the imitation and the interests of again Mr Eschenbach held you dramatic truth.

The second half went to the two Op 27 Nocturnes, like imitation and thoren's "Appassionata" truth.

seemed initially doubtful.

was of irrepressible joie-de-The first movement emerged more memorable for this or that episode (not forgetting From Mozart, Mr Eschenbach jumped two centuries to the aprly (in the circumstances) entitled "Piano Distance" by bold response to requests for sustained pedalling through conflicting harmonies) than as Toru Takemitsu, dependent for effect on super-sensitively weighed sonority both from the a closely integrated whole, not least as regards tempo. The provocatively leisurely Andante keyboard and inside the instruwas followed by an excitedly ment's belly, and equally scruurgent finale, where again, as in the first movement, Mr Eschenbach never minded pulously measured silence. The piece might make the Guinness Book of Records for including momentary sacrifice of tonal

songs and some gently trans-lucent, liquid textures in others.

It would have been good to know how they related to the

texts, but even heard too abstractly they make points worth the making.

of ethereal dreams and passionate awakening. In the B flat minor sonata's first movement Mr Eschenbach again favoured the sharpest possible contrasts of urgency and repose, with passion predominating as it did again in a demonic Scherzo,

perhaps too fast for the ulti-mate in finesse. The funeral march was an outstandingly noble and arresting rethinking of the over-familiar, and the finale a triumph of stream-

concerto its proper weight and

ish cadenza. Mr Dutoit's flair was articularly evident in the Habanera, sensuous and nicely flexible, of Ravel's Spanish Rhapsody, and in the Swiss Dances and pas de deux of the Divertimento which Scravinsky drew from his ballet. The Fairy's Kiss. There were tiny flecks of imperfection in the execution of both scores, but also a sense of whole-

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replaced Riccardo Muti, still unwell, at Sunday's New Philharmonia concert; he changed only one item, substituting a Haydo symphony for one by Mozart. As trade from Ernest Ansermet who excelled in both composers.

care for nuance, all seem to be marks of Mr Dutoit's music-making. He kept the NPO on treated his Haydn almost pon-

in any case, seemed not extra-vagant, for he set tempi so natural and so just that one could not imagine him considering any slower, let alone faster, By chance or design, Haydn's

Hen Symphony showed Mr Dutoit's qualities as a conductor least cogently. He brought ele-gance and delicacy to the Minuer, serene suppopy to the Andante, spirit to the outer movements; but the symphony's for Mr Muti's choice of middle- dramatic fires were kept down, period Stravinsky and Ravel, it as if he were at pains to steal was much to Mr Dutoit's taste; no thunder from the concerto not for nothing did he learn his to follow. It was Mozart's K503 in C major, perhaps the most splendid of the set; the soloist was Murray Perahia whose read-Lightness, elegance, finesse, grandeur and intensity, but are for nuance, all seem to be without requiring to raise the

dimensions, still at a modest level of volume so that the solo part would sound as magisterial as it deserves, and as Mr Perahia can make it. He decorated the slow movement quite freely, very musically, gave lilt and spirit to the finale. properly treating its second episode as idyllic chamber music (the NPO woodwind rose to the occasion), and crowned a noble account of the first movement with a leonine, styl-

their corporate toes, and they committally, then gave the hearted cooperation with an lived up to his demands which, orchestral introduction to the expert, stylist fellow musician.

## London debuts

Trio from Denmark, its Clarinettist and cellist, Jens porary composers enlarge a not over-large repertory to both Pages to the contemporary composers enlarge a not over-large repertory to both Pages to the contemporary to both Pages to the contemporary to both Pages to the contemporary to the contemporary to both Pages to the contemporary to the c both Danes by birth, but its pianist, Rosalind Bevan. English (ex-RAM). Much of the sureness of the ensemble seemed to emanate from the keyboard, for Miss Bevan was acutely attentive to balance and blend when others had the tune, yet was more than ready for her own instrument's spirited moments of leaderfluent and perceptive.

Beethoven's early B flat trio emerged with welcome textural transparency and stylish phrasing, and it was good to hear late Brahms approached not just with ardour but with tenderness and delicacy as well. The first movement brought ably agile in a Paganini sonata particularly telling contrasts. Per Norgaard's one-movement rrio called "Spell", dependent on subtle variations of emphasis of certain notes within constantly reiterated note pat-

Nothing was more enjoyable terns, might have seemed prolast week than the Den Fynske tracted but for their keen response. May other contem-

There was more good team-work from Lyn McLarin, an American flautist, and Sioned Williams, a Welsh harpist.
Though light-weight, their programme included several
attractive novelties ideal for a summer evening, not least William Alwyn's "Naiades", an (apparently) Ravel-inspired Serenade by Persichetti, and another Serenade by Howard ship. If not heavy-weights, her Hanson in which a piano nartners were unfailingly (Jonathan Rutherford) alternated or joined with the harp in subtly calculated support for the melodic line. Miss McLarin was a pure rather than voluptuous melody-maker. In sustained high song in a sonata by Jean-Michel Damase her tone sounded somewhat lacking in bloom. But she was

> arranged by herself. The rich, romantic sonority or rather, sonorities—that Sioned Williams draw from her harp, coupled with the musical awareness behind the fingers,

always neat and agile, remark-

made me look forward to a solo recital from her before too

Joan Chissell

The week's two pianists were disappointing. Maturer in years than the average debutant. Vyron Bellas, a Paris-trained. Constantinople-born Greek, had emhusiasm but not the technique and finesse, nor even the ability to listen to himself cri-tically, required by a Chopin programme extending from early variations to master-pieces of last years. Besides rough and readiness, further confused by pedal, his tempo rubato would have broken the hinge of any metronome.

her studies in Russia, was still unkinder to the piano in terms of physical assault, but has time to seek a cure for the precipitate, violent, messy ex-plosions (again made the worse by pedal) provoked by every climax in the sonatas by Brahms and Liszt that followed Jenacek's two-movement
"Street Scene". Everything
she did was carried to irrational extremes. Not until she cultivates a sense of proportion could anyone wish to hear her

Bozená Steinerova, an in-flammable Czech who finished

#### Australian Sinfonia St John's

Paul Griffiths

I feel sure that Australia is at the moment alive with creative musical activity. Everybody tells me so. But the Australian Sinfonia, which exists to bring new music from the Commonwealth to London, seems not yet to bave found the most vital

Its concert on Sunday included two short works for strings, Malcolm Williamson's Epiraphs for Edith Sitwell and Barry Conyngham's Ice Carring, Williamson must now surely count as more British than Australian, but if the Sinfonia wanted to play something by wanted to play something by him, it could have chosen a more substantial piece than this combative little elegy.

three years ago. Ice Carring is an earlier work, written when intensity.

he was studying with Takenursu in Japan, and it contains something of the evanescent beauty of his teacher's music. It also has more specific connexions with Japan, being a picture of ice sculpting in the Imperial Palace gardens. A solo violinist, the sculptor, shears his designs into four string ensembles placed around the auditorium, so that they are stimulated into restive motion. The figures then melt away, leaving the soloist musing on his "creations".

It is a pretty notion, prettily executed, and it received a decent performance on this occasion. Nicolas Chumachenco was fully in command as the soloist, even if the orchestral playing, directed by Gooffrey Simon, sometimes had the wrong kind of diffuseness. The rest of the world was

represented by Schoenberg's Verklärte Nocht and Frank Martin's Polyptique, a late Whether Takemitsu was the right preparation for Beethoven's "Appassionata" seemed initially doubtful.

The second half went to Conyngham is a composer work in which the Swiss master more in need of promotion in this country, though his theatre piece Edward John Eyre made moving from the persona of a second half went to Conyngham is a composer work in which the Swiss master than the country, though his theatre piece Edward John Eyre made moving from the persona of a quite an impression in London Japanese ice-carver to that of Christ, did so with keen

## Brecht at the Cottesloe

The National Theatre's next ton Mackay, E. G. Marshall and production at its studio space. the Cottesloe, is To Those Born Later, an anthology of the poems and songs of Bertolt Brecht, devised by Michael Kustow and John Willett. The show is assembled like a revue with music by Hans Eisler and Kurt Weill. It opens on June 9 and has Robyn Archer, Jane Asher, Shane Connaughton, Glyn Grain, and Gawp Grainger in the cast. The director is Michael Kustow. At the Cottesloe a week later, on June 16, is Old Movies, by Bill Bryden his first play to be staged by the National Theatre. The cast is Rowena Cooper, Kenneth Cranham, Deborah Fallender,

Trevor Ray, directs the play,

A late-night entertainment with music, The Camilla Ring-binder Show, opens at the Cotteslee on July 1 for seven performances in repertoire during the month. It starts at 11 pm, and lasts just under an hour. All tickets are 75p. The director is Sebastian Graham-Jones. The next visitors to the Cottesloe are Chris Harris in his one-man readshow, Kemp's

ing on July 19, and Metamor-phosis, by Franz Karka, adapted by Steven Berkoff, Glyn Grain, Chris Hunter, Fulopening on July 29.

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the London Theaire Group in

East, by Steven Berkoff, open-

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## Embargo exempts Polish state trading organization from liability

Handlu Zagranicznego Rolim-

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane and Lord Justice Cumming-

[Judgments delivered May 26] The state trading organization in Poland which handles all sugar exports was held not to be an integral part of the Polish govern-ment. Accordingly it was entitled to rely on the force majeure clause in the standard rules of the Refined Sugar Association to maid librilly. avoid liability under export con-tracts with English merchants when the Polish government im-posed a ban on all export of sugar after a bad barvest when prices were ar their height in November, 1974.

In the first decision involving the particular issue in a collec-tivist economy, the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane dissecting, dismissed, in re-Lane disserting, dismissed, in reserved judgments, an appeal by
C. Carnikow Ltd, sugar merchants, brokers and traders of
London, from Mr Justice Kerr on
an award stated in the form of a
special case by six arbitrators in
which he affirmed their decision
that sellers of Polish sugar for
export, Centrala Handlu Zagranicanego Rolimpex, were excused
from non-delivery of sugar contracted to be delivered to Carmikow under the force majeure
clause in the standard form in the
rules of the Refined Sugar Association on the ground that delivcirtion on the ground that deliv-ery was prevented by "govern-ment intervention. . . beyond the seller's control."

The court was told that SSm was involved in this particular contract, and that on similar contracts generally between 540m and £50m were in question.

E50m were in question.

Mr Anthony Evans. QC, and Mr David Johnson for Czarnikow: Mr Michael Mustill, QC, and Mr Ankew Longmore for Rollimpex.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that most of the sugar beet produced in Poland, between 11m and 2m metric tons a year, was used for domestic needs; but quantities were exported. The Polish state controlled the planning of each year's production under the national economic plan to which the state organizations were required to conform.

It was planned that production

It was planned that production from mid-September, 1974, to early 1975 should be 1,835,000 metric tons. About 335,000 metric tons was allocated for export. A state organization, Rolimpex, which was authorized to enter into forward contracts for 200,000 metric tons, contracted with among others, the English with, among others, the English company Czarnikow.

The contracts, made in May and July, 1974, provided for delivery during October; November as required by the buyer and that "The performance of this contract is subject to force majeure as defined in the rules of the Refined Sugar Association "Arbitration was to be in London in accordance with the association rules. Czarnikow entered into subcontracts for sale of the sugar to subpurchasers, all being subject to the same rules and the same force majeure clause as the head contracts. Export licences were required and licences were granted to Rolimpex between May and The contracts, made in May and to Rolimpex between May and August, 1974.

The beet crop fell far short of expectations. Rainfall and flooding not only made harvesting difficult but reduced the sugar content of the beet. Production would not be sufficient even to cover domestic needs; yet Rolim-

sterial circles at a high level. The Minister of Food proposed that the whole of the year's production should be devoted to domestic needs, and an immediate ban on the export of sugar. In his view it was socially and poli-tically unacceptable to put the people on short rations, simply people on short rations, simply to support the expect trade.

The Minister for Foreign Trade, however, insisted on Rolimper that if Rolimpex was properly to that find finding the contracts even if it meant putting the people on short rations; rather than default it rations; rather than default it rations.

rice ruling.
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On November 5 the Council of Ministers passed a resolution putting an immediate ban on sugar exports. It was signed by the Prime Minister and passed to the Minister for Foreign Trade, who asked the legislative section to draft a decree. draft a decree.

That afternoon the minister, gned the decree. From that signed the decree. From that moment the export of sugar was illegal by Polish law. The decree was placed in a "secret" classification until November 16: but meanwhile those closely affected were told of the ban. The first to be told were the customs authorities at Gdynia, where sugar was lying ready for shipment. They told the forwarding agents, who in turn told the directors of Rolimpex. They got into touch with the Foreign Trade Ministry, which confirmed that the ban had been imposed.

Rolimpex telexed Czarnikow,

been imposed.

Rolimpex telexed Czarnikow, who replied that deliveries could not be stopped in that manner. But next day Rolimpex telexed:

"We regret very much to have to confirm that the decision of our government we informed you about yesterday is a case of force majeure". The has completely prevented the first contract from heing fulfilled and partly prevented the second. The ban remained in force until July 1, 1973.

remained in force until July 1, 1975.

Cranikow claimed damages from Rolimpes for non-delivery under both contracts. Rolimpes claimed to be exempt by reason of the force majeure clause; the arbitrators found that they were protected. protected.

The relevant force majeure clause in the rules was clause 18(a). Rolimpex relied on the ban as "governmental intervention

as "governmental intervention beyond seller's control".

The rules also included under "licences" clause 21, which said that "The buyer shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary import licence and the seller . . . for obtaining any necessary export licence. The failure to obtain such licence 's shall not be sufficient licence/s shall not be sufficient grounds for a claim of force majeure if the regulations in force at the time when the contract was made, called for such licence s to be obtained."

The force majeure clause was in a standard form, designed to regulate contracts between merchants and traders. It was easy to apply it in contracts where a government was not a party. But there was much more difficulty when a government itself was a party, either by itself or by one of its departments. In such a case it could be argued that the "selter" was the government; that no "governmental intervention" was beyond the seller's control because the seller, being the government, could always exercise control over its own intervention. That was a telling argument when the government itself was a party—at any rate when it intervention as the control over the seller's control to the control over its own intervention. a party—at any rate when it inter-vened to escape its own contrac-tual obligations. It could not rely on a self-induced " intervention" any more than it could on a self-induced frustration; or a self-induced incapacity to perform or

In support, Mr Evans had relied on Crown Lands Controlssioners v Page ([1960] 2 QB 274, 293-4), where Lord Justice Devlin 293-4), where Lord Justice Devlindivided government acts into (1) those which a government did for the public good in the interests of the country as a whole; and (2) those which it did to avoid its own Habilities under particular contracts. As to the first category, a government could not bind itself by an implication in the contract not to perform its public duties to act for the public good; but as to the second it did appear.

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But on the arbitrators' finding his Lordship did not think that Rolimpex could be so considered. It was a state trading organiza-It was a state trading or rion. It bought and sold tial commodities, such as corn, sugar and fats. The state owned those commodities; but Rollingex bought and sold them for the state. In doing so it had to state. In doing so it had to comply with any directions of the Minister for Foreign Trade and comply with the Polish National Economic Plan; otherwise it made its own decisions about its commercial activities. Rolimpex wanted to implement their con-

the government of Poland. If it were sued in England it would not be entitled to sovereign immunity. It could be sued on its contracts just like the Central Bank of Nigeria: Trendtex Trading Corporation v Central Bank of Nigeria ([1977] 2 WLR 356).

The arbitrators found that "... As a matter of Polish law Polimprey is treated senarately senarately.

Rolimpex is treated separately from the Polish state and government of Poland for the purpose of considering whether an act of the government of Poland constitutions. rutes force majeure which will excuse Rolimpex from further per-formance of a contract which contains an exception of force majeure". His Lordship would

tains an exception of force majeure". His Lordship would say the same as a matter of English law, by which the contracts were governed. Therefore Rolimpex could rely on the ban as "governmental intervention beyond seller's control".

Mr Evans also relied on the licence clause 21. What was the sellers' duty after the Polish government had imposed the ban? Did clause 21 require them at that stage to obtain "any necessary export licence"? His Lordship could not think so. The clause was not applicable in the new situation. No licences were obtainable. The ban was absolute. They had done everything that the contract required them to do.

His Lordship entirely agreed with the arbitration board and

with the arbitration board and the judge. He would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE GEOFFREY
LANE agreed that the intervention by the Polish government
was beyond the control of Rolimpex since, in so far as it was possible under a collectivist system of government to set up an independent concern, the Poles had succeeded in doing so

Poles and succeeded in using so with Rollimpex, so that clause 18 of the contract protected them.

His Lordship dissented on the licence point. He said that clause 21 expressly provided for the possibility that force majeure might prevent a licence being obtained. The seller had failed to permission. He would be able to excuse himself by virtue of the force majeure clause 18 were it not for the provision in clause 21 itself. He was in breach. If "licence" bore the meaning which his Lordship thought it had, there was no doubt that at the time when shipment was due the sollers had not obtained the "necessary" https:// "Neces-sary" referred not to the moment when the licence was obtained but to the moment when shipment

LORD JUSTICE CUMMING-ERUCE, concurring to dismissing the appeal, said that he agreed that Rollingex was not to be dentified with the Polish govern-ment and could therefore rely on duties to act for the public good; but as to the second, it did appear that a government could bind itself to perform a contract with an implication that it would not do anything with or in connexion with the contract so as to hinder or prevent the performance of its obligations thereunder: Board of transcript Steamship Co (1926) 26 Ll L 76).

His Lordship was prepared to to carry the skedened in rule all scales, on the Hicence point, on the facts, the buyers would have succeeded under rule 21 if the licences. But the Polish government swept the sugar licensing system away and made obligations thereunder: Board of invalid the licences issued under trule 21. The selfer did not accept an absolute obligation under rule 21.

#### Court of Appeal

## Leave to enter void because of deception

us State.
LORD JUSTICE GEOFFREY LANE said that the appellant in an affidavit deposed that he was born on December 8, 1953; that he had lived in Lahore until 1971 and had always been known as Safder Hussain. It was not disputed, however, that in 1970 he came to this country from Pakistan under the name of Ijaz Ahmed Lodhi; that a passport was produced to the immigration officer ou that occasion in the name of Lodhi and that under that name he was given leave to enter the United Kingdom and to stay for two months. There was stay for two months. There was no doubt that Loddi and the appellant were the same person.

The appellant said that he was only 18 when he came to England in 1970; that he was brought here by a family friend who made all the arrangements; that he knew nothing of any application for a passport; that he was not interviewed at Heathrow; and that as far as he knew no entry conditions

He had remained here illegally. In 1972 he went to Leeds, where he set up in business.

in 1972 the ranstam consumer in Bradford gave him a fresh passport in the name of Safder Hussain. There was no mention of any carlier passport. When he returned from a visit to Germany in 1974 the immigration officer at Dover stamped his passport: "Given struped his passport: "Given leave to enter the United King-dom for an indefinite period." In November, 1976, he was arrested and detained on the orders of an immigration officer acting under

safter Hussain.

Mr Hymer submitted that the appellant had discharged such burden of proof as rested on him and that the Secretary of State had falled to show that the permission to stay indefinitely which appeared in the pasport was other than a proper exercise of the immigration officer's discretion uninfluenced by any misrepresentation on the appellant's part. He had relied on the judgment of Mr Justice Peter Pain in R v Secretary of State for Home Affairs, Ex porte Badniki (The Times, May 4) to the effect that the burden of proof was on the Secretary of State if he wished to show that an applicant was not given leave to enter within the meaning of the Immigration Act but was let in by mistake.

Counsel submitted that the

Counsel submitted that the judgment of the Lord Chief Justice in the instant case was inconsistent with that passage and was wrong. The Lord Chief Justice had said that the submission for the appellant that a prima facie case was set up when it was shown that he had his passport stamped sanctioning his continued living in his country all came to nothing if it could be shown that there was evidence upon which the Secretary of State could properly conclude that there was fraud. In such matters questions of fact were ultimately questions of fact for the Secretary of State. The court's duty was to be satisfied that the Home Office's approach was in good faith, and to decide whether or not there was adequate evidence to justify the

Regina v Secretary of State for Rome Affairs, Ex parte Hussain Before Lord Justice Megaw, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane Ludgements delivered May 26]

Leave to stay indefinitely in this country given by an immingration officer to a Pakistani on his return from a short visit of Germany was of no effect as it had been given as a result of the discountry of the prison on the offect as an appeal by Mr Saider Hussain, of Easterly Road, Leeds, who was some to prison on the order of the inunigration officer acting under garagraph 16 of Schedule 2 to stay on the strong of the summe of a real point of the summe of a pakist was undefinitely in the inunigration officer acting under garagraph 16 of Schedule 2 to stay on the strong of the summe of a real point of the summer of t

rect.
LORD JUSTICE MEGAW, also LORD JUSTICE MEGAW. also concurring, said that the evidence, including the fresh evidence on the appeal, showed beyond doubt that when the appellant was seeking entry at Dover in 1974 he made a materially false statement: he gave an explanation which he must have known to be false as to how it came about that his Pakistani passport did not contain any entry or endorsement explaining his previous residence in the United Kingdom. The leave given to enter and the samp on his to enter and the stamp on his passport could not avail him. passport could not avail him.

In those circumstances his Lordship did not find it necessary to discuss the suggested question of principle as to the burden of principle as to the burden of proof. If indeed, as his Lordship very much doubted, there was a difference of principle in the decision of the Divisional Court in the present case and its decision in the Badakti case, that might have to be considered hereafter. But it did not fall to be decided in the present appeal.

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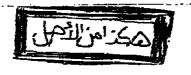
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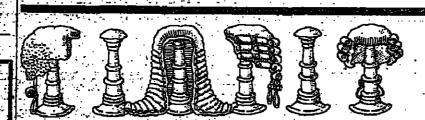
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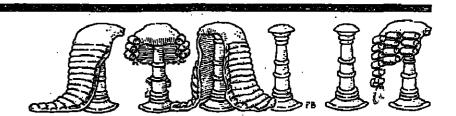
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By Richard Streeton WORCESTER: Worcestershire drew with the Australians

All competitive atmosphere in this match had virtually ebbed away by mid-afternoon. Wocestershire by their realistically had spurned the target of making 336 to win in four hours. The Australians, in the modern fashion. tere content on the ere of sterner hings to take some gentle

things to take some gentle exercise.

Somerset's recent win left Worcestershire and, a little more surprisingly. Middlessex as the only English counties who have never bearen an Australian touring side. The necessary run rate of \$1 an hour was almost certainly never within reach for the present Worcestershire team.

Jones, a left-hander who has been scoring heavily for the second eleven, was given the chance to open with Ormrod when Worcestershire went in after the Australians had declared at lunch, Jones showed a sound method as he shared a first wicket stand of \$8 tha 20 overs before he missed an intended puil.

intended pull.
Ornarod again confirmed his basic ability before he rigured in a brief ficker of excitement after rea as Pascoe took three for 11 off 27 halls. Ornarod was caught in the pully from the second ball after the interval; Hemsley was after the interval; remaics was yorked the next balt; and social afterwards Patel had his middle stump knocked out of the ground as he was beaten by sheer pace. Turner's arrival at No 6 pulled up the drawbridge once again. By the end Neale had battled on for two hours 20 minutes. He was never assertive and curiously, had the most trouble against Chappell's ackeshift off breaks. Neale will, owever, have undoubtedly bene-ted from his experiences in this

the pitch remained slow. everything that happened reiter-ated how badly Thomson will be missed if he remains unfit even if Pascoe has non staked a late claim as his stand-in. Thomson helued between lunch and cea-mostly close to the wicket and returned the ball gently under arm when it came near him. Later he retired for further heat treatment. The Australians continued to blame a jarred elbow suffered while batting on Saturday for his tablems and remain reticent on chances of being included in one-day game against England on Thursday. The Australian side is expected to be announced tomorrow evening.

tomorrow evening.

If the closing stages had their tame moments, the day was far from being entirely without interest. For the second time in this match Girford underlined that his sagacity and variations as a spin howeler remain as charoly attended. howler remain as sharply attuned as ever. Gifford gave himself a long bowl as the Australians hustled through the merging and

Gifford, presumably, could expect to reenter the selectors' minds should Underwood's career end prematurely during the fareful veeks ahead for cricket administrators. Boyns, too, remained calin for a bowler of his inexperience as the Australians added 181 lurther runs before the declaration

Chappell, probably none too oncerned, failed to beat Boyns's throw to the bowler's end from midwicket in the first over of the day. Coster, driving fiercely, him leg before as he tried to pull

a sharply turning ball.

All this time Davis had been taking some correct if sedate practice before he hit a catch to mid-wicket. Walters, who had yet to play a long innings on this tour, was out next, pulling a ball out-side the off stump into mid-on's

When Hookes was bowled without offering a stroke the Australians were 139 for six and had an overall lead of 254. Hookes was a shade unfortunate to be beaten by a hall which turned about a foot, presumably from out of the rough, as the barsman thrust out his right leg.

Any question however that Worcestershire would dismiss the Australians was rapidly dismissed by some positive stroke play from Bright and Robinson. Bright hit with discretion and, buttressed by five not outs in seven innings, now has an average this summer of 75.00. Reserve wicketkeepers on tour seldom get the notice they frequently earn. Robinson in this game has kept wicket in a about a foot, presumably from our game has kept wicket in a pollshed manner and several of his strokes before he hit a high catch to deep midwicket showed how he passed 800 runs in the Sheffield Shield earlier this year.

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AUSTRALIANS: First Innings. 368 (G. S. Chappell 100, J. G. Davis 83)

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Curibes did not bat.

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BOWLING: Pascov, 10—457—5;

Malbon, 16—1—57—0, Bright, 10—425—1.

Chappell, 10—425—0;

McChiefer, 2—1—5—0; Couter, 5—25—1.

Hookus, 1—0—1—0,

Propers, H. D. Bird and K. E. Palacer.

Mr Freddie Brown was yesterday elected as the first president of the National Cricket Associa-tion. Mr Dob Robson will take over from Mr Brown as chairman of the NCA.

Today's cricket

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## Australians. | A dispirited Surrey lose eight wickets in just half an hour

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL. Leicestershire, with all their second innings wickets in hand, need 75 runs to beat Surrep. A Surrey collapse so horrific as A surrey conspse so normic as to make one of their new mem-bers ask for his money back left Loicestershire needing to score only 75 for their first champion

only 73 for their first thampion-ship victory of the season. Just before five at the Oval yesterday Surrey. In their second innings, were 60 for one; by 5.30 they were 71 for nine. Shuttleworth and Birkenshaw having shared the Bowling off a shorter run than

in his Lancashire days, and at a slightly reduced pace. Shuttle-worth took five wickets for 38 runs in 15 overs, which included the first hat trick of either his first or second class career. He did it in spite of limping a little trom a groin strain. Shuttle-worth bowled as accurately as he can have done for a long As for Birkenshaw, he took his

As for Birkenshaw, he took his figures for the match to mine for 104 on a pitch accepting enough spin for Shattleworth to have thought when he took the field that his chance was likely to be limited. Surrey, I am afraid, played like a dispirited side. They number seven Test cricketers, but there was no telling it yesterday.

By way of an introduction By way of an introduction Birkenshaw and Shuttleworth laid on a sparkling piece of cricket, though it did not in fact take a wicket. Howarth pulled Birka wicket. Howarth pulled Birkcustaw to deep square leg where
shuttleworth, running to his left,
picked up on the move and sent
a long, low and accurate return
to the bowler's end. Birkenshaw
caught it—a real stinger it was—
and had the balls off with Roope
completing a second run only by
inches. For all that, Roope and
Howarth were playing too well
for a collapse to be foreseen.

Very soon, though, Howarth

for a collapse to be foreseen.

Very soon, though, Bowarth
swept Birkenshaw for a boundary
catch to Shuttleworth. In the next
ever, bowled by Shuttleworth,
Higgs held a sharp, low catch at
first slip to get Younis for nought.
Roope, having driven Birkenshaw
for six, hit the next ball, a long
hop, straight back to Birkenshaw.
Dudleston (keeping wicket for Leicestershire in place of an injured
Tolchard) then dived to his left to
hold too fine a share from hold too fine a glance from

Edrich came next, attended by a runner. He has strained a calf muscle. Restricted in movement and no doubt disenchanted with his side, he was soon bowled by Snuttleworth. Edrich was the first of Shuttleworth's hat trick victims. The next ball, the last of the oversaw Intikhab leg before. In the next over, bowled by Birkenshaw, Payne, a young man from West Norwood playing in his first championship match, was well caught at silly point. To complete his har trick Shuttleworth began his next over by bowling Jackman. With a possible 90 minutes left and Surrey leading by only 38 Pocock. and no doubt disenchanted with

An impressive century trum Woolmer, who was this weekend discarded from the England party for the Prudential Trophy one-day series, could not prevent Kent from ending the day in a difficult situation in that characteristics.

situation in their championship game against Derbyshire.

Woolmer hit 14 fours in his innings of 114, opening the innings and being the last man to go as Kent slumped against some accurate bowling; Kent were all out for 204 with Miller taking four for 144 desire an attack of principles.

4. despite an attack of migraine which forced him to dose himself with tablets during the afternoon.

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Wholmer's century took 210
minutes but Derbyshire still ended
with a lead of 89 runs and extended this to 173 with six wickets
remaining at the close when they
were 84 for four. Borrington was
unbeaten with 46, a valuable contribution on a wicket showing
increasing signs of generosity to
hoth the seamers and spinners.
Hendrick missed the day's play
with a badly bruised foot, but he
is expected to be fit to bowl this
morning, so Derbyshire must be

morning, so Derbyshire must be regarded as favourites for victory on a deteriorating pitch.

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P. A Wilkinson 6 for 311
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B. French, t-b-w, b Selvey

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Umpires: W. E. Alley and J. F. Crapp.

SUSSEX: First Innings, 185 J. A. inow 66 M J. Procter 5 for 52.

Sussex v Gloucester

Notts v Middlesex



Birkenshaw (Leicestershire) is run out from Butcher's

the last man, joined Arnold, Only by adding 36 did they prolong the match until today.

SurREY: First Januags, 220 /J. Bir-kenshaw 5 for 741
Second Indians
A. R. Butcher, I-b.w. b ward... 0 In the morning it was Leicester-shire, at 153 for six, who had been

shire, at 153 for six, who had been in trouble. That they got a first innings lead of 33, after that, was due to each of their later battsmen making a contribution and to Pocock's imbility to take advantage of a not unhelpful pitch. Compare yesterday's figures of Pocock and Intiklab. In 26 overs Pocock took the one wicker, Dudleston, for S0 runs; in 23 overs Intikhab accounted for Balderstone, Illingworth, and Ward for 25 runs.

Since being chosen for England last July Balderstone has suffered some reaction. Until he took 100 not out off Oxford 10 days ago he had hardly got a run this season. Yesterday he scored a valuable 67: hard work it was, but no doubt personally encouraging. Birkenshaw was finding harding easier than most when ting easier than most when Arnold, ves Arnold, threw him out frem cover point, hitting the only stump he had to aim at. Illingworth and Balderstone, having added 43, were both caught at slip off turning leg brenks. But Ward found Pocock to his liking, and Higgs did his share, and Clift batted for an hour, and in the end Jackman, captaining Surrey in the absence of Edrich, was forced to dig into the coffers and take a new ball.

Miller and Kent suffer from sore heads

Yorkshire finished the day in a strong position with Glamorgan on 104 for five and still needing

on 104 for five and still needing 40 runs to prevent an innings defeat. Earlier, Yorkshire lost nine wickets for 149, but recovered to roach 293 in their first innings, mainly as the result of a last wicket stand of 144 in 118 minutes by Sidebottom (124) and Robinson (30).

boundaries in a maiden century, scored in 175 minutes. Their stand was only four short of the York-

shire record achieved by Lord Eawke and David Hunter against

Southampton

Glamorgan's second innings lost the collapsed against the pace and accuracy of Stevenson, who captured the first four wickets at a cost of 27 runs.

Somerset fought back with

determination after they had faced a first innings deficit of 148. By the close they had reduced the arrears to just six runs, thanks mainly to an unheaten 71 by Denning.

Hampshire v Somerset

AT SOUTHAMPTON

K. F. Jeonings, I. T. Eotham, G. L. Burress D. J. S. Taylor, D. Brook-well, C. H. Dredge and H. R. Moseley to bat.

to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—71.
2—13%

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

Derbyshire v Kent

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 245 (C. Wilter 59)

Second Innina
A Hell, C Knotl, b Hells
J. G. Wright, run out
J. J. Borranton, not out
J. J. Borranton, not out
J. J. Lurlow, b Hells
H. Carlwright, st Knotl, b
Underwood
J. M. Grottam-Brown, not out
O

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-8, 2-71, 5-79, 4-32

KENT First Innings Cowdrey, c Tunnicitie, b

Barlow

R. A. Woodner, et Taylor, b Swarbrouk

R. A. Woodner, et Taylor, b Swarbrouk

C. I. C. Rowe, b-se, b Barlow

C. A. G. C. Edwam, Rarlow, b

Miller

A. P. E. Knott, c Nitt, b Miller

B. D. Julien, C Taylor, b Miller

J. W. Shechend, C Taylor, b

Miller

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-40, 5-56, 4-112, 6-160, 6-167, 7-170, 8-193, 6-159, 10-204; BOWLING: Hendrick, 4-5-2-0; Tunniciffe, 19-2-37-0 Miller, 2-37-34-4 Barlow, 16-5-55 Grabanok, 14-50-55 Grabanok, 14-50

Laylor, C. I. Hendrick to bal.

Moseley . 8
R. Terner, c Taylor, b Botham 51
E. Jesiv, b Richards . 155
R. M. C. Gillial, c Taylor, b

wicker stand of 144 in 118 minutes by Sidebottom (124) and Robinson (30).

Both batsmen achieved career best scores, Sidebottom hitting 20 boundaries in a maiden century.

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c. P. Howard, c Shuttleworth, b Birkenshaw Younis Ahmed, c Higgs, b Shuttleorth E. Skinner, c Dudleston, b ighleworth H. Edrich, b Shuttleworth Payne, c Davison, b Birken-Intikhab Alam, I-b-w, b Shuite-

Earlier Hampshire's Jesty had

career, including 15 fours in his career, including 15 fours in his 136 made in 250 minutes. He shared a fifth wicket partnership of 85 with Rice, who countibuted

slumped to 200 all out. Radley (73

not out) and Garting (61 not out) piled ou the agony for Nottingham-shire with an unbroken partner-ship of 111, after Middlesex had

Cordic Johnson c E. Jones, b Cordie Sidebottom, run out L. Bairstow, 1-b-w b, Cart-

Umpires: D. Sang Hue and A. G. I. Whitehend.

Oxford v F Foresters

AT OXFORD

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First
pings, 205 (R. J. Priestley 4 for

Innings, 200 fk. J. Pressur, a to 111;

Second Innings.

I. Clauditon, c Hooper, b Wing 23
R. R. G. Wells, reitred hart 8
V. J. Marks, b Dyson 17
M. L Estrange, not out 17
S. M. Clements, c Barker, b Prinstley 18
Fries 18 9, w 1 1 10

FREE FORESTERS: Thet lenings

M. M. Hooper, c Wells, b

Savage 42
E. J. Pocock. b Brettell 44
E. J. Pocock. b Brettell 48
ii. Barker, b Brettell 2
J. Pricaley. 1-bw, b Marks 17
Dyson. 1-bw, b Brottell 0
G. Wing, c Kayum, b Partidge 14
Estias 16 10, 15 2, w 1, ab 6: 19

R. J. Foster, b Partrage 22 Willert, b Breitell R. Overn-Thomas, c L'Estrange, b Breitell J. O. C. Stort, c Partrage, b

Total 14 wkts)

A. Macnhall. A. R. Wingfield,
Dieby, D. Brettell. R. Savage and S.
Parmedge to bat.

14 FALL OF WICKETS 1—27, 2—59,
3—85, 1—103.

## A goodbye to the kindly lady of the bar

BIRMINGHAM: Northumpton-shire, with all second innings wickets in hand, are 181 runs-behind Warwickshire. I arrived at Edgbaston rather I arrived at Edgbaston rather late (it was not one of British Rail's better days, even though I did not have to travel through Didcot) and made my way at once to the har called "Long Off"—known more familiarly as "The Smg"—to see how Phyl was getting on. She had been poorly last summer, and distressed by the death of her husband. She was not there. not there.

He first departed,
She a little tried.
To live without him,
Liked it not, and died.

To live without him,
Liked it not, and died.
For countless years she served aniably and patiently in that bar. Among many other kindnesses, she cheered a nervous and harassed young commentator in his first. Test Match. Phyl was one of the great Edgbaston characters, and it is proper to salute her memory.
At the beginning of play, Warwickshire had scored 116 for one in 27 overs, with Amiss 66 not out, after Northamptonshire, who had won the toss had been out in under 86 overs for 254. Amiss proceeded to a handsome hundred, his first of the season, and at luncheon (as Phyl always reminded me it has to be called at Edgbaston) they were 250 for four. After Amiss went, Kanhai began to develop his inmings, gradually, hesitantly, elegantly, receiving—or rather accepting—hearty support from Humpage, who bats, barring a consonant, like his name.

Humpage the Thumpage was fifth out, caught at extra cover, immediately after hiring a whacking six, the store 318, 75 overs gone. For most of the afternoon, Mushtaq bowled himself from the pavilion end, with Willey, bowling off-spin, at the other. Certainly the boll was turning, but not quickly enough to tax Kanhai's keen eye. Hemmings, like Humpage, trusted to his luck and his muscle.

Northamptonshire, though still energetic, did not look a very goud side in the field at this

energetic, did not look a very good side in the field at this stage. Kanhai reached his bundred with a comically bad stroke, an attempted hook which whizzed over the wicketkeeper's head.

over the wicketkeeper's head.

There was a curious incident which led to Northamptonshire being penalized for five runs. Sharp, classing a ball, had cast off a glove, and Steele, going from short leg to the stumps, put it ou, before taking the return. This caused much argument and delay, with the umpire running several times to the scoreboard. I am inclined to think that the umpire was wrong, as scoreboard. I am inclined to think that the umpire was wrong, as I understann law 44, note 1, which includes the dreaded and meaningless word "etc", but then again under law 46 an umpire is infallible. Never mind. An MCC committee will pass many happy hours this winter sitting on the case.

Watwickshire took eight points

sitting on the case.

Warwickshire took eight points against five on the first lunings, and continued batting after tea. They declared at half past five, almost two bundred on. As soon as Northamptonshire went in to bat the unpires brought them in again hecause the light was bad.

Total (no wit)
D. S. Stocie. Mushing Mohama
P. Willey, W. Larkins, J. Yardley,
Sharp, Sariraz Narwaz, A. Hodg
and J. C. J. Dye to bat.

Only Pakistan's Zaheer Abbas and a 19-year-old South African, Kepler Wessels, found batting a comfortable business. Zaheer, who scored 11 centuries last season got his first of the year for Gloucestershire. Greig took four for 38 and Gloucestershipe were all out for 239. Sussex made 163 for seven for a lead of 107. amptonshing 5. Umpires: T. F. Brooks and D. G. Calear.

#### Glamorgan v Yorkshire TCCB meeting AT CARDIFF GLAMORGAN: First Innings. 140 A. L. Robinson 4 for 34, G. B. ON Imran Stevenson 4 for 57; 13 and Packer Second Innings A. Jones, b Stevenson J. A. Hopkins, I.b.w. b Stevenson D. A. Frencis, c Lumb, b Stevenson

A. Hopkins, i.b-w. b Stovenson
D. A. Francis, c Lumb, b Stevenson
D. A. Francis, c Lumb, b Stevenson
C. Richards, b Stevenson
J. Llewedlyn, r Hampshire, b
C. Core ontone, set out
Exiras (1-b J. n-b 5)
Total 15 Wikis
A. E. Cordic and S. C. Harrison to
by
FAIL OF WICKETS: 1—22, 2—25,
TAIL OF WICKETS: 1—22, 2—25,
T. J. J. S. S. S. S. Council to be allowed to change counties.
Wilfred Wooller, secretary of Glamorgan County Cricket Club, confirmed yesterday that he had resigned from the Registration Committee of the Test and County Cricket Board, as a protest against the decision of the Cricket Council to allow Imran Khan to play for Sussex from July 30. FALL OF WICKETS: 1—22, 2—35. —55, 4—18, 5—81. wright
H. Hampshire, c E. Jones, b

Essex v Lancashire AT ILFORD

ESSEX: First Innings, 250 for 8
M. H. Denness 61: R East 50
oct out; P. G. Lee 4 for 65:

Second Innings
M. H. Denness, not out
B. R. Hardle, not out
Extras (1-b 5, n-b 7) LANCASHIRE: First Inning

LANCASMIRE: First Innings
B. Wood, retired hurt
A. Kennedy, c. and b Turner
O. Loy an Activid
H. Pulling, b Acrivid
C. Harves, c. Smith, b Lever
J. Abrahams, not our
J. Simmons, b Activid
J. Simmons, b Activid
France, b 8, lb 5, nb 5 Total 16 wits, 100 overs, 226
R. Arrowanith, C. Croft and P. G
ce did not bal.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-67,
144, 4-148, 5-300, 6-350. BOWLING: LARY, 17-3-47-1: Bayer, 3-1-8-0, Action, 38-10-85-4, East, 23-6-13-0; Turner, 17-5-37-1 Bonus points: Easey of Lancashire 5. Umpires: W. L. Budd and W. E.

Second XI competition NORTHAMPTON: Leconsorship II. 23 for 7 dec (M. Schepone 75, T. Edwards 54; R. Williams 4 for 64); Northamptonshipo II. 164 for 5 (1.

**Minor Counties** MANCHESTER: Lancashire. 194 for 9 dec and 216 for 4 dec 1P. Tipbont 119: Lincolpshire. 208 for 4 dec 1H. Pousher 105 not out and 126 for 7. Match drawn.

CHESTER: Somerset. 202 for 4 dec nd 220 (A. Parotta 53. R. Palmer 54: Cheshire. 215 for 6 and 138 forming 15 Sulton 54: R. J. Robinson 7 for 35: Match drawn.

Football

## England forward line at least looks final

By Norman Fox
Football Coursespondent
Four of the Liverpool team
excused Samrday's first match of
the home international championthip against Northern Ireland
after belong to win the European the nome international champoolship against Northern Ireland
after helping to win the European
Cup last week are returned to
the England side to play Wales
at Wembley tonight (8 o'chock).
There would have been five but
the manager, Don Revie
encouraged the Stoke City goalloseper. Shilton, by telling him
well in advance that he would
play again, although Clemence
will replace him for the game
against: Scodand on Saturday.
Again the selection bears little
resemblance to he immediate predecessor, with five champes from
Saturday, but there is a hopeful
sign that at least in the forward
line the final decision for the
future has been made. Chamon,
Pearson and Keegan, who faced
fazall and Team America on tour
in the United States last year and
later Finland in a World Chy
qualifying march, are reunited
within a 4—3—3 formation. Although without a recognized
winger, this attack has always
seemed to be the best balance of
strength and skill.

It was inevitable that Keegan
would take one of the forward
places. The victim is Tueart who
scored against the Irish but was
not one of the game's outstanding successes. Tomostow Keegan
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not one of the game's outstanding successes. Tomostow Keegan
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and yesterday Mr. Revie was
obviously pleased to hearn that
the Liverpool player had obtained
a contract that freed him for
World Cup and other important
international matches, although it
is not yet clear whether 'home
internationals' "will be included.
The only problem to be solved

seems to be the length of time Keegan, and other English players who may go to play on the Continem, will be allowed away from their clubs to train with England. Last night Mr Revie said that the team he had chosen to play against Wales went "50 per certaining the road to a settled side." Clearly he will be hoping that Gerry Francis, in whose absence Keegan again takes the captaincy, Bentile and Thompson, among others, will be available for next season's tworld. Cup qualifying games, but for the moment he has chosen the best approximation of his ideal.

of his ideal.

The midfield selection should The midfield selection should be more positive for the return of Kennedy, who replaces Wilkins, and the positioning of Brooking in the centre allows him freedom to play across the full width of the field. Greemoff is playing so well that he can retain a midfield position although he is more accustomed to a central defensive role.

accustomed to a central defensive role.

Only one omission raises some surprise. Todd, who had a firm game in Belfast, is relegated to the substitutes' bench to make way for Hughes. Mills and Wasson hold on to their places but heal replaces Cherry at right back. Neal will have the difficult task of attempting to subdue James, probably the most skilful of the Weish team.

Michael Smith, the Weish manager, said vesterday that eight of his players were suffering from injuries after Saturday's 0—0 draw with Scotland at Wrexham and he would not announce his team until today. Although Wates have never beasen England at Wembley their recent performances have suggested that they are ahead of England in the establishment of a settled team.

Smith plans still not settled

Revie sees

Keegan due to s

SV Hamburg tomorrow, have stayed with Liverpo for the high rate of tax in That is the opinion of manager. Don Revie, who with the possibility that e to members of his interparty might well follow to the Continent in the negative.

home international against at Wembley, said: "It all down to the same old story Tony Waiters, the former Plymouth Argyle manager, and Gordon Taylor (Blackburn Rovers) flew out today to join Vancouver, the North American League club. The England manager mane players to follow E example, but feels, that the national mann could learn the Continent, and player the Continent, and player the Continent, and player the Could only be a play feel me. It would also mean a varied, attinue to the game. "But the possibility of English players going abroad for our fouthall Certa would be a tremendous in the face, who will cost if about £500,600 for his p Waters is to manage them and Taylor, with Blackburn's peruls-sion, is going on loan to play for Vancouver until the first week in Angust when he returns to England for the new season. Waiters parted company with Argyle a month before the end of last season when Plymouth dropped back to the third division.

about £500,000 for his p and another £36,000 a y, wages, has told Mr Revie r contract will give him the to play for England.

But Mr Revie said: "He have to try to join the sq least three days before the if be could do that then should be no trouble Hamburg, May 30.—Dr Krohn, the Hamburg ma treasurer Heimut Kallmann lawyer are flying to Londo va Keegan's trunsfer.

Herr Helmut Ritschel, a
ber of the Hamburg board,
today: "We are very close,
pects that Keegan will st
Wednesday are good."—Re

Marchbeck, by four and

was Lamaire's first ace-

achieved his feat after Ma had hit the hole with his and was only 18 inches at

Gordon Murray, the chemoion, and his fellow man. Steven Martin at

through to the second.

Murray won a harde of against an England inter

David Kelley, by two st The 21-year-old Martin, a. Cup contender, best an Ar

Dints (Brasil), beat R. Faversham), 5 and 5. J. J. Forguron (Maio Foster (Brauford), 2 a

# any contract." Smith had said he was going to retire at the end of last season if granted a testimomial. He had that testimomial—worth £35.000—last Friday, but it is now likely that Liverpool will ask him to stay on, for the manager, Bob Paisley, said: "I would welcome his availability for another year or two."

is not yet clear whether "home internationals" will be included. The only problem to be solved

future still not settled. The 32-

year-old Smith, one of the goal-

year-one semin, one of the goar-scoring heroes of Liverpool's European cop final win last week, said, "Reports that I have signed a two-year contract worth 540,000 are untrue. I have not signed

any contract."

Colin Addison, 37, signed a three-year contract yesterday to stay with Newport County as their manager. He said that although the club still had financial problems it could face the future optimistically. "I am not one for making peoples but he had to mistically. "I am not one for making promises but we have to be positive in approach and my target for the club is promotion to the third division."

Addison, who steered Hereford from Southern League obscurity to the third division, joined Newport in January and helped in their avolding application for reelection,

Family tradition

Port Vale are to sign-Philip Sproson, aged 17, nephew of their manager, Roy Sproson. The sign-ing will continue a family radi-tion, as Philip's father Jesse also played for the club.

Franz Beckenbauer, the lowner West German captain playing his first match in the United States,

first match in the United States, scored a goal but saw his aew team, the New York Cosmos, lose 4—2 to the Tampa Bay Rowdies. A crowd of 45,288—the second largest in the history of the North American League, turged our to watch Beckenbauer, who was acquired by the Cosmos from Bayern Munich last week for a reported \$2,5m.

### Davies wins match after losing temper John Davies, the Walker Cup South African Open this season, six iron on his way to clawer, overcame a fit of temper went into a bush at the 11th and the British boy champion

drove Into trees at the next to lose both holes. Davies found trouble in the gorse, at the 13th in a fluctuating battle.

The South African was bunkered at the 15th and also lost the 16th

where Davies bit a hrilliant four wood onto the middle of the green. Although Suddards played a fine chip at the 17th, he could only have the hole to give Davies

player, overcame a fit of temper to beat David Suddards, of South Africa, by two and one, to reach the second round of the amateur golf championship at Ganton, Yorkshire, yesterday. Davies, runner-up for the title last year, was so annoyed at taking three putts to give away a half, he sent its drive crashing out of bounds at the next to be brought back to square.

Davies, aged 29, went one down at the short 10th where Sud-

Davies, aged 29, went one down at the short 10th where Suddards holed 20ft birdie putt. The dards holed 20ft birdie putt. The international, produced the shot of 23-year-old Suddards, who was the day at the 157-year fifth where second to Gary Player in the be holed in one with a number

First round results Powell (North Foreland) walked over J. A. Rhodes (Coombes Hill).

D. Williams (US), 3 holes.

Abrams (US), 3 holes.

L. Uplon (US) best W. P. Bunker (Dore and Tutley), 2 and 1.

C. H. Murray (Ferencey) best P. D. Kelloy (Bickwell), 2 and 1.

M. B. Bonylla (Roys), 2 and 1.

M. F. Bonutlack (Thorps: Ball) best B. B. Russinof (US), 8 and 7.

Bennott (Grbarsby) best R. Nordhund (US), at 22nd.

E. W. Hammond (Kirby Moxico) best B. W. Hammond (Kirby Moxico) best C. D. Carrick (Bunkersh), 1 hole, 2.

G. N. Lovenson (SA) best S. Jones (Warrich), 1 hole, 2.

C. S. Mitchell (Bristot and Califor) best S. Mitchell (Bristot and Califor) best G. D. Carrick (Douglas), 1.

D. Power (Warrich), 1 hole, 2.

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M. Southport and Ainsdale's, 4.

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D. Canaphell (Portmarnock) beat B. March-bank (Auchicarater), 1 hole, 3.

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D. N. Geary (Moornown) walked over W. L. D. Saylord (List), 8 and 2.

D. S. Richerley (US), Scratched, 5.

D. N. Geary (Moornown) walked over W. L. Barrell (Woodhall Sps), 3 and 2.

E. Light (Willichurch), 1 hole, 6.

G. Campbell (Portmarnock) beat B. C. Bunk (Williams), 6 and 5.

R. Rossi (Brazil), 5 and 5.

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Equestrianism

BSJA ban Fielder: for one year 🧢

Andrew Fielder, a former top interpational rider, has been fined 2530 and suspended for a year by the British Show jumping Association. Fielder, from Poole-in-Wharfdale, Yorkshire, and Mr N. L. Rogers; from Huby, Leeds, were found guilty of comravening rules regarding the identity and winnings of two ponles.

A hearing of the BSJA stewards was told that the names of the ponles, sold by Fielder and jumped in compenions in Ireland, were changed and their winnings concealed in order that they could compene in novice classes.

Fielder, aged 30, was one of the

ciasses.

Fielder, aged 30, was one of the most successful British show-jumpers of the 1950s with Vibart, winning the leading showjumper of the year champiouship at Wembley on three occasions. Mr Rogers was also suspended for 12 months and fined £200. TIDWORTH: Army Horse Drisis (Corrected Yearsh): 1. Mas. S. Bowley's Ountre H. 55.20 pensity points; 2. Mrs. J. Holmmess-Rodam's Just So. (35.25: 5. G. Morgan's All (76.25): 3. Mrs. C. Kyle's Master Dapitel (95.65).

O. Glading (Addington Palace) beat I. Quick (Frioton-on-Sea), 5 and 2.

For the record Baseball

Golf ATLANTA: 275; H. Irwin. 70, 70, 66, 67; 274; S. Varisto, 70, 70, 66, 68; 276; L. Graham, 66, 71; 71, 68; 277; L. Waddins, 72, 68, 50, 72; 278; J. Nickins, 70, 73, 67, 68; 279; R. Stockton, 58, 69, 71, 71

Show jumping. WIESSAIRN (1W Germany) Grand
Priz: 1, R. Schuks-Siehoff, Sarto, 1/2
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(Austral) Orsyltatic Onen, 4 faults,
Smin 2 sec: 6, J. Holms (Netherlands) Severa Valleys, 4 faults, down
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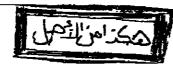
Motor rally ATHEMS: Acropois Raily: First stage (390 miles to Kalandaka (: T. R. Waldesard (Ford Scott): 2 H. Nikoka (Topola Selica: 3 H. Kala-stream (Datam 10s): 4 R. Charle (Ford Escott): 5, M. Alen Aflat 131).

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Today's football



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· Union

## ns' coach denies use of illegal tactics

mi, New Zealand, May 1 Dawes, the British Mach, today denied that raged the use of illegal t lineouts, and insisted aim of the Lions was quality ball. Dawes was to Jack Gleeson, the All selector, who earlier the Lions of breaking the rules by jumping across the ball was thrown.

n. chairman of the New Rugby Union selectors, ferees to stamp out such He said that the Lions mped across the lineout "their 21—13 win over last Sarurday. said that his side's prime? was to make two-catches. "We do not illegal tactics", Dawes he himted that the Lions' treatment for injured backs, and David Burcher, who has a slight calf muscle injury.

Squire, who replaced the injured backs, and David Burcher, who has a slight calf muscle injury.

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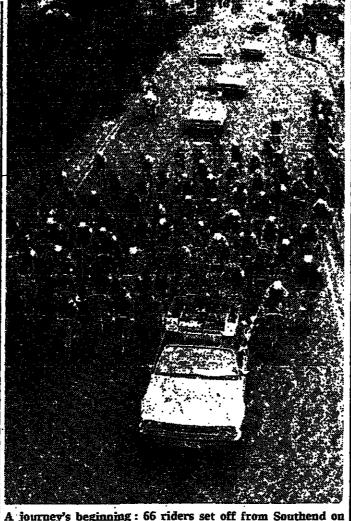
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Wictoria, British Columbia, May
30.—David Sorrell, the Bristol full back, scored 24 points to lead the England under 23 rugby union fram to a 44—21 victory over Bridsh Columbia here.
Sorrell crossed for one of England's six tries, kicked four penalty goals and landed four conversions. Cariton, Mogg, Boyle, Cooke and Mantell scored England's other tries.

Wells scored a try tree penalty

Mantell scored England's other tries.

Wylie scored a try, two penalty goals and two conversions for British Columbia. Logan scored a try and Whyte kicked a penalty goal. Logan scored early in the second half to give British Columbia a 21—15 lead but the England forwards turned the match in the closing minutes. England scored 28 points in the last quarter of the game.—Reuter.



A journey's beginning: 66 riders set off from Southend on first stage of Round Britain Milk Race.

## Finishing power tells for Szurkowski

Ryszard Szurkowski, of Poland, the 1973 world cycling champion, gained the first stage victory of the 1977 Milk Race, 94 miles from Southend to Norwich, yesterday, whining by a length after a strong wind had prevented breakaways.

The entire field of 66 riders contested the finish with Szurkowski stage win, takes the lead.

FIRST STAGE: 1, R. Szurkowski, Strong wind had prevented breakaways.

Smin 37sec: 2, F. Kalk (Crechonessed the finish with Szurkowski same time: 3, H-R. Koller is strong with the stage winder in the s

using all his experience wictory.
With the pack spread across the road Szurkowski reached the front 200 metres from the end and stayed in the left hand gutter, gaining shelter from the wind.
Szurkowski is now overall race leader, due to his being only six tenths of a second behind his compatriot Bieniek in the opening time

FIRST STAGE: 1, R. Szirkowski, Str. 55min 27sec; 2, F. Kalle (Crechostowski), Same time: 3, H.R. Keller (Swilzerland), Same time: 3, H.R. Keller (Swilzerland), Same time: 4, H.R. Str. Same time: 6, A. Tak (Netherlands), Same time: 6, A. Tak (Netherlands), Same time: 6, Graat Britain "A" same time: 4, USSR, Same time: 4, USSR, Same time: 4, USSR, Same time: 5, Sweden, Same time: 5, New Zealand, same time. time: 5, New Zealand, same time: 4, time: 5, New Zealand, same time.

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## Solomon too weak for a tough challenge

From Rex Bellamy
Paris, May 30

Harold Solomon, runner-up for the men's singles a year ago, was beaten 6—4, 7—5, 2—6, 6—3 by Jose Higueras, of Spain, in the French tennis championships here today. Solomon resumed competition only a fortnight ago after a debilitating illness had laid him low for three weeks. More than most players, he depends on energy and stamina; and in Paris he has been deficient in both. Higueras, aged 24, can be a tough player to beat on slow clay. They had a long, tediously attritional match in oppressive heat. There were times when it seemed that Higueras did not have the confidence to win and Solomon did not have the legs. But the fitter player won.

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The gates were closed at lunchtime on another sweltering day. The citizens packed inside the premises had the satisfaction of seeing a few interesting patterns emerge as the previous languid tempo of the championships suddenly accelerated. The men's singles draw, for example, now reads Nastase v Gottfried, Dent v Higueras, Cehring or Fibak v Smith or Vilas, and Ramirez or Yuill v Mottram or Panatta. Stan Smith was saying the other day:

"If you do down the line, none of the guys seems to be playing really well. There doesn't seem to be anybody who would be a really heavy favourite. It depends how the form comes around in the second week."

It does indeed: and already there have been signs that that the proposed to have one shot that

Those who know their Deat will not be surprised to hear that he pushes some of the credit to uthers, notably Rod Laver and a professional athlete, Henry Hines. "I was playing with Laver before coming here and he said: "You've got to have one shot that hurts a person." I think my fore-



nano nurts a lot of these guys when I'm hitting it hard. Henry Hines has helped me with agility and fitness. I'm the strongest I've ever been."
Natrass 

Results at Beckenham and Manchester

## megan will not let Lucas nd in way of come back

vin, claim that in their reers they have made more is than the rent man, ill be no more from Chris, is forced to retire because rouble, but Kevin should the British middleweighs the British middleweighs champion again at the all tonight, after a lapse of three years, and the mean tonight, after a lapse of the grant the intervention of the change of the grant the wind change is the class that Lucas and he grins the interventional contract that if there is a gap between Minter and himself, it is only a minute one. This thea, is the class that Lucas and the grant properties on and he may not have quite the stage of southpast who has not had enough to properties on any the case of the case of the case of the class that Lucas is the class that L

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Also never regained the title match at all for Ekwelum, if the wins he will not be recognized in his own country, having committed the unpardonable crame of spring a white opponent in South Africa. But if Gardner win, he will certainly be acclaimed champion, and never mind the rechnicalities.

## nes takes count before ing to Yugoslav

referee stopped the bout through the third round Gertenbach, who looked to win on points, had a

at eye, onthpaw East German imdy arracked with low left to the body and defended and the 20-year-old Scot's I right jabs, In the second it soon was clear that the champion from the nouth Club was thing hadly two boxers went into clinches, broken only by rights from the German. rights irom the German. just as Gertenbach ap-to be moving in for the e referee held him back. his eye and after consult-

East Germany, May 29.—
I's flyweight Martin Lawduced the big surprise on
ning day of the European
boxing championships
day when he beat the
fl East German, Klans
ach.

East Germany, May 29.—
long a doctor declared the fight
over.
Colin Jones, an 18-year-old carpenter from Penyrheol, was not so
lacky in the welterweight division,
where his powerful left hook and
dancing style failed to hold back
21-year-old Yugoslav, Zdravko
East.

Basic.

Both boxers had streaming nose bleeds by the third round, and after Jones was given the count by the East German referee seconds before the end, the points seconds petere the end, the points decision was manimous.
LICHT-FLYWEIGHT: H. Stranich Points but M. Gerc (Turkey) points, V. Hottask (Czechoslovála) best D. Golikh (East Certain) to military (Czechoslovála) to military (Czech

rands (Suigera) best V. Koola (Fin-lands III) EXMITWEIGHT: R. Tomasyk (Poland) best V. Kouera: (Carchesistalis) pis. Liner-well-resewishers C. Broken (Wake) heat E. Pakiaspuro (Finland). pr. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT: D. Valloyse (Yugoshria: beat P. Strzer: (Poland); pts. O. Sarine: (EG) beat C. Lawson (Wates); pts.

#### land triples spects c gloomy

nd's prospects looked in the triples of the s world bowls champion-Worthing yesterday. After ting defeat against Wales Margaret Lockwood (Ox-Mabel Durlington (Numand Jean Sparkes (Cheims-lipped to a 19—17 sentack Hongkong, England had —11 up at 12 ends,

Rugby League

#### Manager wants Jubilee performance'

Reg Parker, manager of the British Rugby League team for the world championships, said yester, day that he was looking for a "Jubilee performance" from the team. He was speaking before the party of 20 players, and coach David Watkins, flew from Manchester to New Zealand and Australia, for matches against those commies and France.

Air Parker said: "Although the squad shows four changes, following the withdrawal of Phil Lowe, Jim Mills, Eddie Cunningham and Tommy Marryn, the accent is now on youth, with replacements like Phil Hogan, Peter Smith and Steve Pitchford, all in their early twenties. You can often see a better performance from young players trying to prove themselves than from seasoned players who have been through it all before.

"We face a hard programme, hut I am confident that David Watkins, despite the controversy surrounding his selection, will take a line impact as the coach.".

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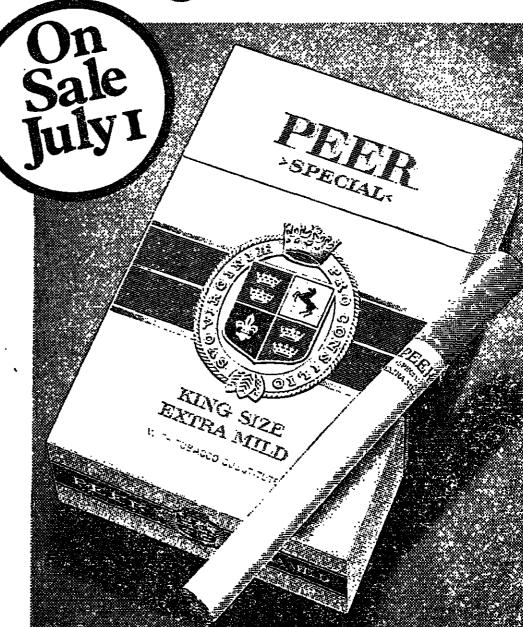
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#### Racing

## Dream day for Durtal on the downs

Racing Correspondent Anyone who has already backed Anyone who has already harked Durtal to win the Oaks at Epsom on Saturday or who is contemplating doing so would only have been encouraged if they had seen ler work on the Downs above Lambourn yesterday morning, Ridden by her big race Jockey. Lester Piggott, she went exceptionally well in a gailon which was a well in a gallop which was a complete contrast to that disas-trous workout six days earlier. On that occasion everything went wrong from beginning to end; so wrong in fact that her trainer Barry Hills was adamant that it was best forgotten, like a night-

This time, however, everything went right throughout and on reflection it was the sort of gallop that a trainer would regard as a dream come true. They went almost a mile uphill parallel to the Farringdon Road and Hills himself led the way riding the four-year-old Lord Helpus just to cour-year-one Lord neight to ensure that the pace would be right throughout. Just for the record Lord Helpus won the Silver Jubileo Stakes 10 days ago by six lengths with 9 st 5 lb on his back.

six lengths with 9 st 5 lb on his back.
Yesterday with his trainer aboard he went a good gallop from the start and Piggott lay last several lengths behind Lord Helpus and their other galloping companion. Lady Mere, who won the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom in April and then finished third in the Irish 1000 Guineas. They maintained that order for six furlongs whereupon Piggott decided that the moment was right to give Durtal her head and make his more. When he did the response was electrifying.

impressive workout and so was a deterrent. On the contrary some Piggott who said afterwards that will regard it as a source of

Hamilton Park programme

7.0 BIRKENSHAW STAKES (£1.090: 1m 1f 10yd)

7.25 QUARTER HANDICAY (24b4 : 61)
4 Peace and Quiet (D) J. Bradley, 5-9-5
7 0200-0 Immelax G. Richards, 5-8-11
9 0200-0 Timelax G. Richards, 5-8-11
10 024-000 Just Temperal, L. Ducker, 4-5-9
11 00-1000 Macdow Bond, W. Musfault, 5-8-8
12 00-1000 Macdow Bond, W. Musfault, 5-8-8
13 00-1000 Macdow Bond, W. Musfault, 5-8-8
14 00-1000 Macdow Bond, W. Musfault, 5-8-8
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16 0-40020 Farments Job N. Statisticon, 5-9-1
17 0-40020 Farments Job N. Statisticon, 5-9-1
18 0-40020 Forfern Cloud, J. Barciay, 4-8-0
19 0-40020 Pikella, V. Michell 5-1-1
9-4 Meadow Bond, 5-1 From Garce 4-1 Finalett, 11-2 Warmspreace and Quiet, 12-1 Bigsning Bride, 20-1 curies.

By Our Racing Staff 7.0 Rose of France, 7.25 Timalex, 7.55 Hope Eternal, 8.20 Silver Stud. 8.45 Battlement, 9.10 Money In.

2.30 FERRISTONS HANDLAF (2004; 211)
205 4204-21 Hardirondo (C-D), S. Woodman, 4-9-1 P. Caol
204 221-122 Cavalier's Blash (C-D), T. Waugh, 4-8-13 G. Systom
207 200-000 Fic Suart (D), L. Holl, 5-8-6 P. Widron
208 1004-14 Seow-Star (D), J. Bethell, 4-8-0 I. Johnson
210 20-0003 Hill Station, M. Bolton 5-8-1 P. Edder;
212 0021 Orcis, M. E. Francis, 5-8-1 W. Carson
214 32223-4 Collaborator, A. Phil. 5-7-7 I. Joshiason
5-1 Hardirondo, 7-2 Caulier's Blash, 9-2 Orcis, 13-2 Hill Station, 8-1 Start, 10-1 Collaborator, 12-1 Spanish Lastern, 16-1 Eric Stuart.

Lingfield Park programme

2.0 SAFFRON STAKES (2-y-e : \$1,073 : 5f)

2.30 FERRENDONS HANDICAP (£884: 2m)

J.O HAREWOOD HANDICAP (51,623: 7f 140yd)

A. N. Robinson 7 3 3 R. Statt M. Birch 8 R. Statt M. Birch 8 R. Varshall 6 E. Hide 1 P. Pull 2 C. L. Charmed 3 7

7.55 COATBRIDGE STAKES (3-y-o : £770 : 6f)

8.20 BELLSHILL STAKES (2-y-o : £593 : 5f

Hamilton selections

7.25 QUARTER HANDICAP (£464 : 6f)

he thought she would definitely win the Oaks it she gets the trip. Looking at Durtal's pedigree there is every reason to believe that she will, provided that she settles

and relaxes early on.

Outshone though they may have been on this occasion neither Lord Helpus and Lady Mere was disgraced. They were simply outpointed by a far better filly. Lord Helpus now goes for the Brigadier Gerard Stakes at San-down next Monday: Lady Mere for the Diomed Stakes at Epsom

Talking about the Derby later Pizgott told me that he now thinks he will just about win it on The Minstrel provided he gets a good run. The one he seems to fear most of all is Lucky Sovereign, who impressed so many when he won the Dante Stakes at York. Lucky Sovereign, Piggott reasons, could have improved out of all recognition. Lucky Sovereign is by Mijinsky who himself won the Derby seven years ago.

Strangely, Derby winners have been conspicuously unsuccessful in their attempts to get one to follow in their footsteps, at least since the wor. In fact in that period only Never Say Die has achieved the feat and even he had luck on his side when his son Larkspur's chance was made easier by the fall of several of his rivals racing down the hill towards Tatenham Corner.

In the last 10 years the winner of the Derby has been bred in Talking about the Derby later

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Quickening her pace as only a good racehorse would Durtal sped past her two galloping companions and took complete command. Hills impressive workout and so was principled who wild affairned.

encouragement knowing that Royal Palace, Sir Ivor, Nijinsky, Mill Reef, Roberto and Grundy all won Reef. Roberto and Grundy all won the Derby and had never raced over more than a mile beforehand.

When it comes to the crunch many is the person who will turn a blind eye to rhyme and reason and simply follow the man of their choice and when it comes to the Derby no one commands a greater following than Lester Piggott, who has already won it seven times and been placed second on four other occasions. No other jockey riding in tomorrow's epic can even begin to match his record. In fact

riding in tomorrow's epic can even begin to match his record. In fact apart from Piggott none have even won it more than once. Of those taking part Saint-Martin Johnson. Taylor, Lewis, Hide and Eddery, have at least known what joy it is to ride back in triumph into the minner's arricorum but they have

to ride back in triumph into the winners' enclosure, but they have only managed it once.

In recent years the champton jockey. Patrick Eddery, has left his mark on the race, because in addition to winning it on Grundy he has also been placed three times which is a fine record over only five years. This time Eddery will be on Night Before who, like Lucky Sovereign, will be wearing blinkers. What some will inevitably find a trifle disconcerting is the fact that no horse has actually won the Derby wearing blinkers for 73 years.

Still on statistics, Petite Etoile

Taunton NH programme

2.45 MAY HURDLE (£402 : 2m)

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00 Ann Dee, L. Kchnard, 11-0 ...
00 Arctic Caper, D. Scott, 11-0 ...
00 Arctic Caper, D. Scott, 11-0 ...
00 Scott, N. Siceman, 11-0 ...
01 Scott, N. Welsselberg, 11-0 ...
040 Mayo Molody, J. Brade, 11-0 ...
05 Office Prince, 11-1 Bicoque, 6-1 Ann Dee, 15-

Taunton selections

3.30 NAPPERS STAKES (51.167 : 6f)

Lingfield Park selections

4.0 BOXCOTE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,017: 11m;

006 301 Ladbroke Luisure, 8. Hanbury, 8-5.
507 00-3110 Lady of York, 6. Hum 3-2
510 000-00 Naughty B (E). J. Sucilifie, 7-9
512 0000-1 House Breaker, M. Hayfles, 7-4
5-4 Lady of York, 9-4 Ladbroke Leiture, 4-1 House Bre

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2.15 GLASTONBURY STEEPLECHASE (Hand.cap: £632: 2m)

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3.45 WATCHET STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: novices: £452:

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2.15 Mighty Marine, 2.45 King Gypsy, 3.15 New Ecc. 3.45 Frozen Path. 4.15 Dark Sky, 4.45 True Prince.

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5-4 Lady of Yorn. '0-4 Ladbroke Uchure, 4-1 House Breaker, 6-1 Naughty B
4.30 SMUGGLERS STAKES (3-y-): £867: 11 m)

951 00-22 Bicentanial (8F), R Houghton, 6-0 I. Piggott :
600 00-0 Uskery, J Betnell, 9-0 W. Carson :
611 000-00 Macboy, S. Smyth, 9-0 G. Levis :
612 0-2 Swallow Prince, H Price :
621 022-4 Cryptomoria, H. Chast, 3-11 P. Ladbroke :
621 020-00 Lines, S. Betnell, 8-11 P. London :
622 020-30 Mary Green, P. M. Laytor, 3-11 P. London :
623 000-00 Lines, S. Betnell, 8-11 P. Cook :
624 000 Perivan Girl, S. Wishby, 3-11 G. Thomas :
625 0000 Perivan Girl, S. Wishby, 3-11 G. Ladbroke :
626 0-000 Swan Maid, A. Ingham, 8-11 P. Ladbroke :
627 0-000 Perivan Girl, S. Wishby, 3-11 P. Stdery; 3-1 Substantial :
628 0-000 Swan Maid, A. Ingham, 8-11 Crystomeria, 6-1 Mary Green, 12-1 stdery.

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Soldier's Point, 2.30 Caralier's Blush, 3.0 Sunset Value, 3.30 Hei'land Ja;mie, 4.0 Lady of York, 4.30 Swallow Prince.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Hedingham Boy. 2.30 Cavalier's Blush. 4.0 Ladbroke Leisure.

111112 Mighty Marine (O), J. Bradley 5-12-5 M. Williams p000p0 Flame King (C-D), P. Cole, 1-12-5 M. Williams p000p0 Flame King (C-D), Nrs V. Cole, 7-12-5 Mr A. Williams of popular Webdow Hill (C-D), Virs V. Cole, 7-12-5 Mr A. Williams of Flame Belley Might Marine, 1-12 Mighty Marine, 1-12 Mighty Marine, 5-1 Webdom Hill, 15-2 Bright Ferrus, 12-1 Kipple Land.

by his stable companion, Rehearsal, whose sole task is to make
the pace strong from the word
go. Well as that will suit
Smuggler it will not be against
Exceller either. The complete list
of four-day acceptors for the
Coronation Cup is Exceller, Hawkberry, Kinglet, Laomedoute, Norfolk Air, Quiet Fling, Rehearsal
and Smuggler.

Meanwhile, at Lingfield Park
today the main talking point is
likely to be the first appearance
in public of Ian Balding's much
discussed and much admired Mill
Reef colt, Soldier's Point, whose
rivals in the Saffron Stakes include Hedingham Boy, who so
nearly won his first and only race
so far at Newmarket. Being by
Amber Rama and out of a mare
by Abernant, Hedingham Boy will
be hand to catch, but Soldier's
Point is preferred nevertheless.

Paris, Waterboy, who is owned
by Sic Charles Core, splintened

Paris, Waterboy, wild is owned by Sir Charles Clore, splintered a bone in his off-fore foot at exercise yesterday morning and might have to be destroyed, writes Desmond Stoneham. Confirming the tragic accident at St-Cloud

times which is a fine record over only five years. This time Eddery will be on Night Before who, like Lucky Sovereign, will be wearing blinkers. What some will inevitably find a trifle disconcerting is the fact that no horse has actually won the Derby wearing blinkers for 73 years.

Still on statistics, Petite Etoile was the last horse to win the Coronation Cup twice and Quiet Fling, who won it last year will be trying to emulate her when he takes his place in the Buc up on Thursday. And like Petite Etoile Quiet Fling will be ridden by Piggott.

His chance of doing so has been improved by the regretable absence of both Oats and Rheffissimo, who are currently under a cloud. Bur the presence of the French colt. Exceller, in the field, not to mention both Smuggler and Norfolk Air, promises to make life difficult for Quiet Fling. Smuggler will be accompanied to the start

# How four education ministers found their way through the blackboard jungle education ministers in rs. How will future teir tenures of office? In successive reigns Thatcher, 1970-74; Mr. Mullev 1970-74; Mr.

We have had four education ministers in less than four years. How will future generations judge their tenures of office? The length of their successive reigns speaks for itself: Mrs Thatcher, 1970-74; Mr Prentice, 1974-75; Mr Mulley, 1975-76; Mrs Williams, 1976. The Conservative Government of 1970 regarded education as a priority and placed the running of it in the hands of one woman, with only one or two changes in her ministerial team. This contrasts significantly with the way in which Sir Harold Wilson chopped and changed his education team to suit the balance of his Cabinet at a time when the education service had never since the war needed firm and knowledgeable leadership

needed firm and knowledgeable leadership so badly.

The chopping and changing went on at the lower level in the junior ministerial posts, so there was no hope of any continuity. Mr Gerald Fowler, the one minister who actually knew something about education, was in and out of Elizabeth House (the headquarters of the Department of Education and Science) like a voyo until he was dismissed by Mr. like a yo-yo until he was dismissed by Mr Callaghan.

Callagnan.

By the end of 1973, when I started reporting on education for The Times, it was fashionable to regard Mrs Thatcher in a favourable light or at least as "not as bad as all that". Three years earlier most educationists had looked on aghast as she rolled back the map on the bianting approach. partisan approach to comprehensive schools nurtured by Lord Boyle and the late Mr Anthony Crosland and started a hawkish reversion to supporting those authorities and parents who wanted to keep selection of pupils by ability at 11-

But the discord between grammar and comprehensive school supporters was over-shadowed by the blessing of a forthright minister who could wheedle funds for education out of a reluctant Treasury—until, at the end of 1973, Lord Barber started axing any grand designs Mrs Thatcher's team may have had for educa-

Paradoxically, by doing her job well, Mrs Thatcher did education a disservice in the long run. More money for the education service almost invariably begets the need for even more money to be spent. For example, if a local authority accepts an allocation from the government to build a nursery school, it must find yet more a nursery school, it must find yet more money to staff and equip it. When in 1972 Mrs Thatcher produced a White Paper. Framework for Expansion, the cognoscenti in her department should have followed the writing on the wall, which was showing quite clearly that Britain's affluence had run completely dry and that the number of child consumers are likely to number of child consumers was likely to drop significantly. What was needed was "Framework for Contraction". Working

out priorities when extra funds are scarce, and there is less money for education in real terms, is far more important and necessary than working out priorities in a time of expansion.

Of the three ministers after Mrs Thatcher, only Mrs Williams has grasped the nettle of actually working out ways of enforcing government priorities on local of enforcing government priorities on rocal authorities. By cutting back perhaps slightly farther than she needed to the numbers to be admitted to teacher training, Mrs Williams is establishing a flexible settlement which could be a stable one. By considering specific grants for the further training of teachers she could make local authorities invest in the best way of local authorities invest in the best way of improving performance in the classroom. In the run-up to the October 1974 elec-tion, one cannot perhaps blame Mr Prentice for not signposting the cutbacks in education pending and the new fore-casts of falling school rolls. At one stroke he increased the educational budget by a

He will go down in history as the man He will go down in history as the man who stopped the flight away from the teaching profession. It was his personal triumph that before the second general election the Labour Government made teachers, along with nurses, a special case for extra pay awards. It was his triumph, too, to get the campaigning Labour Party to agree to implement the recommendations of the Houghton Committee in advance of its report.

Mr Prentice must also be given credit

service overnight.

advance of its report.

Mr Prentice must also be given credit, along with Mr Maurice Peston, his political adviser, for diverting £1m from the university budget to prime a national campaign to combar illiteracy among an estimated 2,000,000 adults. Helped nobly by the BBC's On The Move series, the campaign increased the number of adult students learning to read and write from 10,000 a year to 100,000, which in my view is the biggest single achievement in education since the founding of the Open University tion since the founding of the Open Uni-

versity.

Mr Prentice, though, whatever moderate alignment of parties he eventually forms or joins, was not a moderate in education. He carried on vigorously with the party's left-wing drive towards the speedy abolition of the grammar schools and the phasing out of the direct grant. Like any moderate in Elizabeth House during the Labour governments, he used an immoderate approach on the education flank to salve a moderate conscience on the to salve a moderate conscience on the general political battlefield.

Mr Fred Mulley, who succeeded him, did not have to worry about his party political standing. He was an ideal party

awkward, and perhaps worst of ail, boring and lack-lustre. Historians should judge him better than the epitaph writers who described his transfer last year from education to defence. At an utterly impossible time for education, with the great distraction of the 1976 Education Act, he did as well as anyone could have, and managed ingeniously to get some funds for education.

The perverse judgment of the Law Lords in the Tameside case has made Mr Muliey appear much more of a failure than he actually was, and has obliterated any gleam that there was from his image.

Talking of images brings us to Mrs Shirley Williams, the present Secretary of State. What a change from the ridiculous State. What a change from the ridiculous to sublime as far as the promoters in the public relations division of the DES were concerned! Mr Mulley was a despair to publicity men; Mrs Williams is their dream. Bur what of the substance beneath the image? If Mrs Williams's speech to the National Union of Teachers' conference last Easter is anything to go by—and it was understood to have been mostly her handwork—it was just as dull as the Mulley prose, although the delivery was better. The style of the latest draft of the Green Paper is better suited to a detailed manual for undertakers than to the birth of a new era in education.

In fact, Mrs Williams is very, perhaps not very responsive to ideas. Mrs Thatcher was not very responsive to new ideas, and smothered them with points of law. Mr Prentice listened, but seldom did anything. Prentice listened, but seldom did anything. Mr Mulley seldom listened. Mrs Williams embraces the ones that sont her. A conference claims that top teachers do not teach any more, so her inspectors are immediately asked to carry out a survey of top teachers leaving the classroom. A number of people complain about moving home and finding schools for their children, so Mrs Williams makes it one of the planks in her platform for a more uniform curriculum in schools. Only later,

ring around to see if there is research to support the idea that schools impedes children's prosess similarly. Mrs Williams research to west Germany that one employer has complained infinerate and immunerate recruic highly selective system the illinerates just as much as a consideration system. Yer Mrs sive education system. Yer Mrs is basing her theories on another same way that her departs shrupped off complaints from a shrupped off complaints from e

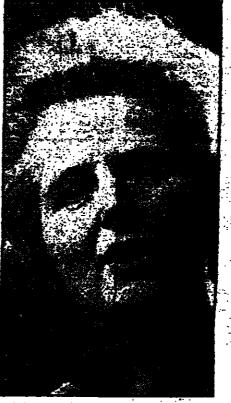
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My colleague, John Izbicki, correspondent of The Daily T. correspondent of The Duly T. rold a meeting of Conservats supporters recently that it was them to realize that 75 per cent. 80 per cent of secondary school were being educated in compactions. It was time to accept the prehensives were here to stay.

I would agree, and welcome son of kingston-upon-finances.

sion of kingston-upon-linanes, to go comprehensive gradually a fully, rather than Tameside will have all the finance will pay dividents in a political face but could seriously the education of the children call in the nurmoil. It is not so much of school that matters, as what there. Full marks to the Prime for raising the issue of what st for resing the issue of wher si taught in schools. No marks to liams if she has not the courage t

Will. she, want' she, join the I do not intend to be a wallflow ball, even though I have just giv The Times Education Correspon The Times Laucauan Correspon an leaving to succeed Mr Done say as Director of the Ind Schools Information Service. The dent schools were left out of t debate yet much of what they has been tindicated small school has been tindicated small school ing community and an emphasis skills. I believe in the years ah



Mrs Thatcher





Mrs Williams

## Why investment in the careers service would pay dividends

ductivity and extends payment of tanem-ployment benefit unnecessarily. Most of the "placing" work is done by about 1,600 employment assistants among the support staff. They average more than 100 plac-ings each a year at a cost of less than 130. each—which compares very favourably with most other public and private agen-

The Covernment is spending more than £400m a year, or 15 times the annual budget of the careers service, to alleviate unemployment. It estimates that this has helped about 200,000 people so far, which is equivalent to a cost of £2,000 per head. A job creation project employing just 100 people would receive more money, even after savings in benefit are taken into account, than a careers service attempting are the people would receive more money. to help more than 10,000 young people aged 16-18. This seems a strange action on the part of a Government which stands

This country spends less than £10 per teenage head per annum on its careers guidance and employment service for young people, yet it costs the taxpayer more than £10 per week for each young person unemployed.

Many local authority careers services do not have enough staff to fill vacancies notified by employers quickly and effectively, which has an adverse effect on productivity and extends payment of mean-ployment benefit unnecessarily. Most of the "placing" work is done by about 1,600 for the more equal distribution of wealth.

A tenfold increase in the careers service budget could be justified on economic grounds alone. The careers officer spends about 40 per cent of his time in schools and colleges, working with pupils aged 13 and upwards. He spends that time promoting, encouraging and contributing to careers education and the viral task of widening a young person's knowledge and understanding before he has no narrow his choice. This is followed by individual guidance interviews. In many cases, just

choice. This is followed by individual guidance interviews. In many cases, just one young person prevented from making the wrong decision regarding a higher education or training course can save the public purse the equivalent of the careers officer's annual salary. Present staffing levels, though, allow the careers officer an average of only 20 minutes a year for each teenager, hardly enough to give many of them all the help that they need.

The present high level of unemployment is likely to persist among young people for some years. One important influence has been the erosion of differentials, which makes the employment of experienced adult workers, at listic additional cost, more attractive to employers. The proposal. more attractive to employers. The proposal to introduce compulsory day-release for young people will pit them at a further disadvantage. Offers to pay employers for

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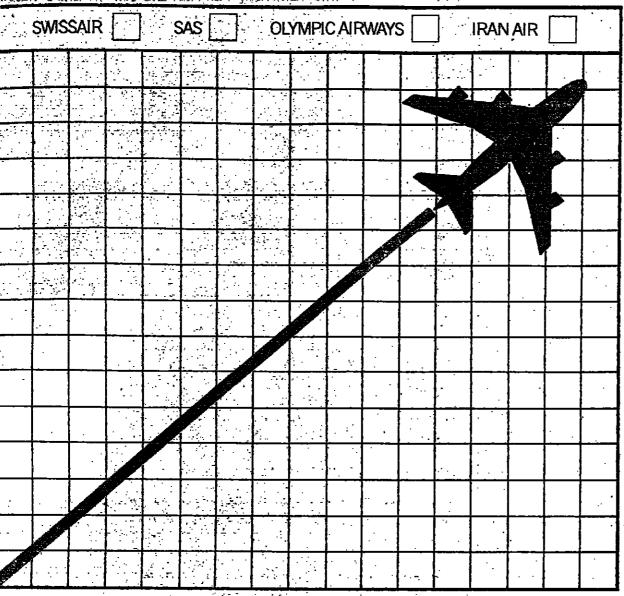
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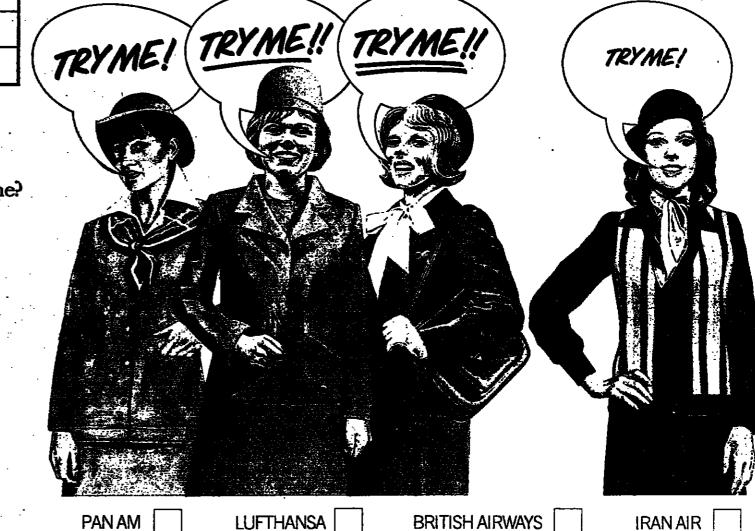
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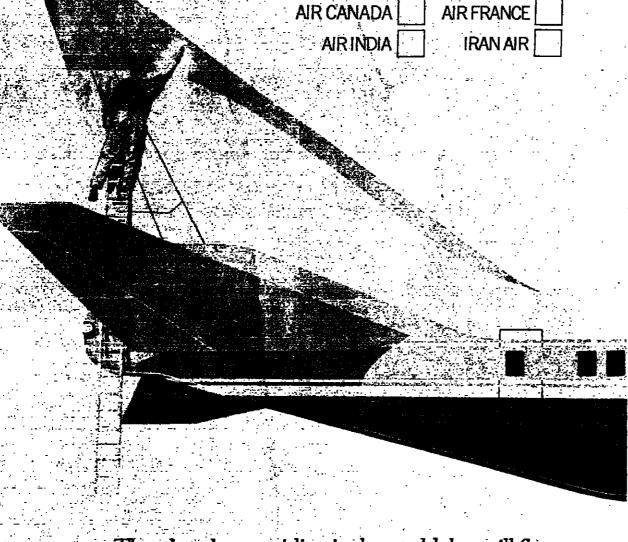
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Bernard Levin

## When the shouting dies down, Leyland will still have questions to answer

And now it is time that I had my own four penn orth on the Leyiand effair. And the first thing I wish to say on the subject is that, despite the valiant attempts to suggest otherwise, their attitude be if these proved their attitude be if these proved. attempts to suggest otherwise, and indeed the obvious necessity on the part of some of the suggesters so to suggest, it is the Leyland affair and not the Daily Mail affair. It is true that the Daily Mail, in this matter, has maintained, with apparently effortiess case, all the charm, penetrating intelligence and faultless professional judgment that we associate with the Rothermere empire, the last word on which has recently been said by Mr Charles Wintour. It is true also that the "Checkers speech" committed to print by the Mail's editor in the grip of the very understandable emotions that must sets his savage Alsatian to bite the postman, only to find the beast turn and tear his own left leg off, must find an honoured place in any museum of emerics. And of course I cannot make, and in any case have no wish to make, any comment on the matters now at law between Lord Ryder and Mr Varley on the one hand and the Daily Mail on the other, or between the Crown and Mr Barton. But that still leaves me quite enough room to swing a pen, and quite enough subject-matter to swing

The nub may be put in the form of a series of questions. Did British Leyland stend \$11m, and prepare to stend another \$26m in bribing people to buy their curs? If so, who authorized these payments, and who knew about them? In view of the fact that British Leyland to all intents and purposes. a nationalized concern, and that the Government has promised that Mr English and Mr Harms-to pour a total of \$1,400m down worth were both, when in their

to be correct? What steps is the Government taking to deter-mine; in a manner which will satisfy even those incurably sceptical people who, to their eternal shame, do not find wholly reassuring the interim declaration by British Leyland to the effect that British Lev-land is as clean as a hound's routh, whether those allegations are true or not?

Now in purring these questions, I have to say that they cannot be evaded by those to when they are addressed simply switching on the sign saying "Sub judice". The ciril actions under way go to the question of the integrity of Lurd Ryder and Mr Varley; the criminal resthant of the the crimical, to that of the conduct of Mr Barron. Whether the "slush fund" existed can and must be detrained inde-pendently of these matters.

The Prime Minister, who apparently grows ever more implacably determined to turn his own political character into convincing likeness of that of his immediate predecessor, has adopted Sir Harold's most famifaced with an awkward ques-tion, attack the press. And so we got a display of that same parliamentary cant to which Sir parliamentary cant to wincu on Harold was so much given; the Mail's allegations were born of "political spite", designed to damage the Government and a nationalized industry, and there-

But wherefore therefore? Let us put upon the Daily Mail's conduct the very worst possible construction: let us suppose that Mr English and Mr Harms-

A witness for the prosecution is not to be put out of court merely. because he is unshaven and wearing a dirty collar

prams, knocked down by a Range-Rover, and have ever since been thirsting for revenge, however unworthy. Let us, however unworthy. Let us, further, imagine that they are under the influence, if not, indeed, in the pay, of Wall Street, the Kremlin and the Jews. Let us go so far as to presume that Mrs Thatcher has promised them Cabinet posts in an ensu-ing Conservative Government if they can only bring this one

None of this affects my origi-nal questions in the least. A witness for the prosecution is not to be nut out of court merely because he is unshaven, wearing a dirty collar and smelling powerfully of methylated spirits. No doubt in those circumstances his evidence must be rigorously tested; but

repeat that I am not referring to those in which individuals were named, but only to the were named, but only to the general ones, supported by documents, about the alleged payment of millions in bribes) were unambiguous, extensive and very serious indeed. A considerable debate has already taken place on the ethics involved. Some have said that if bribery is necessary to secure contracts and deals abroad, and that without such bribery less scrupulous manufacturers from other countries will obtain business that might have come to Britain, then so be it: Britain must pay haksheesh and justify

nust pay haksheesh and justify the action in the name of the great God Exports. Others have said otherwise, declaring that such practices are abhorrent, and that it is better we should perish of a collapsed hilance-of-naments than stoop bilance-of-payments than stoop so low. Others again have maintained that, although this conduct is acceptable, however distasteful, where private industry is concerned, it cannot be permitted when the concern is a public one. And no doubt

I cannot have read every

thing that has appeared on the

subject—there has even been someone to maintain the opposite of that last proposition. But all the comment has

taken place in the absence of determined facts, and the Government is still dodging the only important question, which is, of course: what are the facts? From the statement hastily put out by British Leyland before they, too, sank hap-pily back on the cushions of sub judice—a statement in which they said they had done certain deductions can readily be made. But deductions are

ever be attained in such ques-tions, it is required here. Yet the official public search for it has not yet begun, and the Prime Minister is clearly trying to ensure that it never shall.

This will not do. We are not here talking of a fiver slipped into a salesman's hand with the suggestion that he should boy himself a couple of driaks in We are discussed at the should. buy himself a couple of armins with it. We are discussing allegations that millions upon millions of our money have been; and are to be, paid out abroad in corrupt practices, on behalf of a farm for which there is a direct national responsibility.

naturally do not know whether the allegations were soundly based or not; and for the present at least, I am refraining from expressing an opinion on the moral legitimacy of the behaviour rivey concern if they the most serious and responsible

the other allegations made con-

comirantly), and apparently sup-ported by a substantial body of documentary evidence. And the allegations and the evidence alike must now be colly, impar-ially and thereusely experient tially and thoroughly examined and the responsibility for what and the responsionity for whatever has been happening, if anything has, must be determined.
The matter has already gone far
beyond the point at which a
departmental investigation, let
alone an internal one by British
Leyland, can suffice. Nothing Leyland, can suffice. Nothing short of a Tribunal of Inquiry, armed with the full powers that such a body is equipped with, will now do. That, as it happens, was what this newspaper said editorially on the morrow of the making of the allegations. Nothing that has happened since has in any way reduced either has in any way reduced either

& Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977 I most of the fairies and spooks

## Tracking. the hobbit down to earth

cuit, was the nomenclator who invented the name and gave it to the world with the publica-tion of *The Hobbit* in 1937: " In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit."

lived a hobbit."
Professor Tolkien was consulted about the appropriate entry to put under "hobbit" in the OED Supplement volume two (1975). He wanted the lexicographers to put a name invented by themselves", so the hobbits. Etymological exactitude would not quite per-

the hobbits. Etymological exactitude would not quite permit them to do that. Instead they put:

"In the tales of J. R. R. Tolkien: one of an imaginary people, a small variety of the numan race, that gave them selves this name (meaning hole-dweller) but were called by others halftings, since they were half the height of normal meu."

meu."
Robert Burchfield, chief editor of the Oxford English dictionaries, had Tolkien for his supervisor when he was a: Rhodes Scholar after the war. He once asked him whence he had got the name "hobbit". Tolkien replied that he could not remember: perhaps he invented it; or "I may have picked it up from a nineteenth-

century source."
That source, Tolkien's inspiration, has now been identified. An outside reader for the OED sported the name "hobbit" in a Dictionary of Fairies published in 1976. It was quoting from an obscure fairies, spirits, goblins, This in turn incorporated



L.R. R. Tolkien: the hobbit identified.

med by Reginald Scot in his scoperie of Witchcraft (1584). Discoverie of Witchcraft (1534).

Michael Aislabie Denham, a tradesman of Pierse Bridge, made his collection of tracts concerned with folklore between 1846 and 1859. These were miscellaneous jorings of folklore and superstition printed in leaflets, pamphiets and local newspepers, Many of the originals are in the archive of the Society of Antiquaries of London.

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They were brought to the attention of the Felkinge Society, for whom Dr J. Hardy undertook the editing of a collection, which he called The Denham Tracts. This was published in two volumes in 1892, and 1895. The second rolume 17907.

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Two years after the referendum, the same old weary battles are being fought in the Commons

## Making a dog's breakfast of Community business

The supreme advantage of holding a referendum on Bri-tish membership of the EEC was to be that it would settle the question once and for all, series of reports which contrib-In reality, no such conclusion can be drawn from the latest merits, report from one of the Han- The sard Society's unroyal commis-sions headed by Professor David Coombes. (The British people: their voice in Europe. The Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government. Saxon House, 17.501. True, there have been some changes since the referendum result. Labour and trade union representatives do now turn up at being the European Parliament and commi

the Economic and Social Coun-cil. But throughout the to do with it is held to be such cil. But throughout the to do with it is held to be such report—which deals with the a political hot potato—that they effects on British represent-keep the Scrutiny Committee est sense, including pressure groups of membership of the EEC-there is evidence of the British baving less than their expected impact because much of their energies are expended battles and revisiting the otherwise abandoned battlegrounds.

This can be seen especially in the contrast between the behaviour of the House of Commons and the House of no other argument in favour of retaining an Upper House with many of the qualities of the present House of Lords, this single one would be enough. Both Houses receive from the Government, Community documents not merely proposals to the Council of Ministers for detailed legislation but such general reports as that by M Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, on European Union. The Lords behave like terested in the substance of

The proposals.

The papers go to a select committee, which works through six specialized subcommittees, including a law sub-committee under Lord Diplock which examines the legal implications of all proposals. They hear oral and written opinions from minimum for manifesters. opinions from ministers, civil servants and private sources

in private with departmental officials speaking in confi-dence and without a transcript. The result is an admirable ute to the discussion of the

The Commons by contrast makes a real dog's breakfast of Community business. The documents are sent to the Scrutiny Committee, which, let praise fall where it is due, unques-tionably works hard. Whether it works to much purpose is an altogether different question. So terrified are the Commons of an opinion on substance committee

toiling with the utmost igence at what, with a little experience of the kind possessed by parliamentary clerks could be described as largely a mechanical matter— that of sorting out the large numbers of documents into different piles; according to whether they raise issues that might call for debate on the floor of the House. These debates, so much contended for, are to say the least rather Lords in relation to Com- an anticlimax—held late at munity affairs. If there were night, attended by an unreprenight, attended by an unrepre-sentative handful of MPs, and bound to last no longer than an hour and a half. One im-provement of late is that the debate does at least now usually concern the subject long time it was almost entirely taken up with complaints about the procedure. Dr Coombes attributes this to "the almost neurotic concern with its loss of formal competence which has dominated the House of Commons' reaction so

far."
But the problem does not rest wholly with the House of Commons. Dr Coombes's group was struck with the degree to which "the attitude of British official representatives has vacied, as has their ability to adopt a constructive attitude, with the political attitude of individual ministers."

Again and again in hearing and, besides public hearings, evidence this point was empha-the; hold some consultations sized. The referendum battle is



Referendum time: a pro-Market group show their colours.

not over. It is still being fought in Whitehall and Brus-sels as well as at Westminster in slightly less open guises.
"Divisions in the Cabinet in recent years", says the "Divisions in the Cabinet in recent years", says the Coombes report roundly, "have made it difficult for departments to be open with representatives of different groups and interests in their ambit and especially difficult to present United Kingdom interests coherently and convincingly in Brussels."

The overriding importance in the Community of law is a

in the Community of law is a matter which Coombes very appropriately stresses just immediately after the Euro-

pean Court has struck down the British subsidy to pig pro-ducers. "It would scarcely be an exaggeration", he writes, "to describe the Community at least in its manner of operating as a legal system and nothing else." It is no accident that the most supra national of its institutions is the Court of Justice at Luxembourg. The report emphasizes this theme, stressing that as long as our membership lasts Community treaties and Community law remain entrenched. They have become "what amounts to a written constitution.

It was indeed an unfortunate

referendum that many of these points, which are essential to an understanding of the nature of the Community, were brought out, among the leading campaigners, largely by the anti-marketeers. This will doubtless enable them to say, doubtless enable them to say, pointing to selected passages in the report, that it proves what they have all along contended, Not all pro-marketeers, however, adopted such a low profile and those who speak of Britain becoming a "province" in "a European state" will find no comfort from Conmbes. He no comfort from Coombes. He is particularly trenchant in what he and his colleagues have to part of the debate over the say about direct elections to

European Parliament. the distribution of compe-tences between the member states and the Community, nor would they diminish the powers of Parliament at West minster. The transfer of com-petences already took place when joining the Community and Parliament's role is already circumscribed by that already circumscribed by that to be remembered is that the fact. "There is no way in which Brussels style of operation is the member states' parliaments more open than is Whitehall, can substitute for an effective and that there is more opportant at a Community of bringing influence to bear, on the pre-legislative than statement, one might stage, of proposed measures, think, would go almost without provided that access to persons

Labour Party, with the backing of a majority though not a two-thinds majority of the party conference to relight the referendum over the issue of direct elections. Fortunately the Fabian Society, which has

in Rectang Surope's First For Community legislation flaments, by Mr Rod Northawl means of exercing and Mr Richard Corbett influence on it." By point out the lamentably suicidal consequences of the conventional bound tween domestic an affairs and subjects the former to proce unlike inter-governm denation of European Socialist. parties set up by the Coufe unlike inter-governm deration of European Socialist Iomacy the Commu Parties to prepare a common platform for the elections.

While the Labour Party while the Labour Party makes up its mind whether it wants to fight the Labour Covernment and if so what are the instruments with which it can do the maximum damage to to its own side and cause the most dismay among its fellow legal rights against to socialists in Europe, the Conservatives are actually getting their machine into order with the object of knocking Labour felling to act of femocking labour felling the definition labour members until the community brings of the act of the maximum damage are created. Under Community brings of the act of the maximum damage are created. Under Community brings of the act of the maximum damage are created. Under Community brings of the act of the maximum damage are created. Under Community brings of the act of the act of the maximum damage are created. Under Community brings are cr against it, says Coom feiling to act or for six in an election that is supposed to take place—and will unless Britain again Indeed the really fumbles and drops the ball—in a year's time.

Another major theme of the Coombes report is paralleled to a certain extent by a second Fabian publication, influencing Europe: a guide for pressure groups, by Roy Manley and Helen Hastings (Fabian Research series, 55p). (Rabian Research series, 55p).
Hitherto there has been very little available about the adaptation of British pressure groups to British membership of the community. Those who are interested now have two complementary rather than compensive sources. What has

unquestionably inti new complication is lishing the definition lution. But members

Indeed the really feature of joining the this time is that it with the raising of que home about all our intuitional assumptions last paragraph of report Dr Coumbes following, rather

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## THE TIMES DIARY/PHS

#### All about the Windsorsor almost all

It was a naive question and quite rightly Audrey Whiting refused to give me a specific answer. How, I asked the court correspondent of the Sun-day Mirror, did she get the authentic sounding information with which she replied to bundreds of children's questions about the royal family in her paperback Does Prince Philip Kiss You Goodnight?

How, for instance, did she know the true facts when, in reply to the question whether the Queen liked bubble gum, sne could give the reply:
"She loathes the stuff."

And what was her source for the information "I think the Queen scrubs her own back with a stiff brush", when asked about the royal bath-

Was it speculation on her part? I asked Miss Whiting, it was knowledge, she replied. Pressed a little further, she added: "Friends of the royal." family, who didn't want the replies to be a lot of old rubbish."

There, I had to leave it. Professional ethics, whether be-

tween journalist and journalist, or between journalist and Buckingham Palace, must be respected—or the country is

done for.

The most interesting thing that Miss Whiting, a serious and respected writer, learnt from the question and answer exercise was that, in a potentially untimposerble age. rially anti-monarchist age, children were asking very serious questions about royalty. The examples I have quoted are not wholly typical of those in the book.

Melhourne's dreary suburh of Springvale, looking to the local flora for aesthetic inspiration, has substituted " Bulloaks and Sheoaks" for

#### Whitehall roots

In this column last week, under the heading. "Whitehall looks for its roots", we attributed to Mr Michael Meacher, MP for Oldham West, certain state-ments to Labour's study group on government machinery about

having held these views. We unreservedly withdraw the attributions and apologize to Mr Meacher.

## Dual standards

Ourraged of Hambledon writes to tell me that he bets the MCC will not drop Greig, Knott and Underwood from the Test team. If the Prudential game selections are anything to go by, he is right. The pink gin brigade clearly feels that chaps ought not to make money out of a game and must be punished if they seek so to do—but not punished too much.

Besides, if Greig and Co had

Besides, if Greig and Co had been omitted, then the MCC fellows would have needed to ensure that Kevin Keegan was not only sacked as England's soccer captain, but also dropped from the international squad as well. And what a disaster that well. And what a disaster that would have been.

myopic about certain thingslike Greig not being English anyway (see this newspaper last week). How odd that they should all overlook the fact that Keegan, by seeking to secure part of his future abroad, will be earning twenty times as much as Greig.

#### The $18\frac{1}{2}$ minute mystery

David Frost is scarcely the most reticent of men. Great, then, was my surprise when, talking to him the other day, he casually let sup a fascinating fact about his Nixon interviews. thought, seen the last of the inquisitorial sessions. Number four, screened on BBC television last week is to be fol-lowed by number five.

In it, Mr Frost will be seen pressing Mr Nixon to explain that notorious 182 minute gap in the White House tapes and asking why he did not born the rapes. Less sensational, but cosmically important, is the cx-President's assessment of the Salt talks. This last will provide another curtain call for Henry

This fifth Nixon-Frost Sports writers seem curiously encounter was not additional to the 282 hours the two men sat facing each other. It was part of the scheduled four interviews, but could not be slotted into them for reasons of time. Americans are likely to see the fifth interview later this year. We in Britain must wait

a little longer.

# ancestor's wife simply had an affair with a Stuare King?e

Caren't you relieved your

A tign of the times: On the shelf of a London bookshop: " Non-sexist children's books"

#### Packaging can damage sales

The day Raleigh introduced tobacco smoking was a red letter one in Oxford. Marlowe, Essex, PHS and all the other risex, PHS and all the other young bucks rushed off to Fribourg and Treyer in the High and (being too discerning for common or garder Turnbuck and Fitchens Cosack Blend Number Six with coupons) bought quantities of the company's Number One Filter de Love

These ingarettes used to be packaged in handsome, but discreet, grey, flip-ton boxes (called Schneider boxes, for some reason) and have, through the years, epitomized quality and have. and taste.
On a recent trip to the com-

pany's emporium in the Hay-market I found that the grey Schneider had been replaced by a dark blue and silver encase-ment of the sort normally asso-Hundred Milimetre Tipped for the jet set executive who stubs our more than he has smoked. Since then, many readers have written to me in dismay protesting at this monstrous new package.
Thus, to Messes Fribourg and

Treyer to protest and seek explanation. Mr Fribourg (or it may have been Mr Treyer) told me that it was all the fault of the EEC regulations on taxation. To preserve the quality of the Number One Filter de Luxes and to keep the price down a chempton for return of rect. down, a cheaper form of parkaging had to be devised.

He said he was confident that the new pack would provide

"a more approachable tech-nique for markettag "the cigar-ettes which would appeal to many more spakers." Hands across

## the Channel

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Post stript: The mystery of the gold medal found it Sicily (PHS last week) has been half solved. The initial stand for Lanareshire Junior Football Association, and Albert was the team which won the local championship Who. though, is T. Paterson? . Military men have come aid after my wondering aloud last week about Welligh field marshals. There would have been four among extal boys of the school. Lam told, if General Sir Peter Hunt declined the promotion on giving up his appointment at the General Staff recently. No advance, then, on three.

The

a Special Report

## **Voters desert Gaullist reality** for left-wing drama

tion of left and right in power, as in all other democretic regimes. Because the existence of a strong Com-munist Party less thwarted rie birth so far of a credible force on the left capable of winning power without it, a change of majority inevitably takes on the form of a the impact of a world econ-violent upheaval, of a change

of society and of regime
"Me or chaos" was how the General, and to some everant his two successors, put of the political spectrum are the ulternative to the voters, more pragmatic and less idealogically movivated than This did not prevent a sub-ideologically motivated than stantial minority of more those with firm political than 40 per cent or more loyalties. Above all, they from choosing "chaos". But want stability and security and they counted the for-

by a hair's breadth.

Estaing in 1974. conflicting and contradictory. What they wanted then was The first factor is the wear tice. He has deceived those exclaimed in the ontinuity in change, and he and tear which affects all the who backed him as a bulwark. Assembly recently against change; and distribution men in power, irrespective of against change; and distribution which he who had singuising which he

Perhaps this wear and tear would have been less serious had the regime with which they have been identified they have been identified demonstrated a capacity for renewal, combined with an ability to come to terms with Foreign policy: Paris later than its neighbours of the West.

The voters in the centre continuity was preserved—if and they control the for-on the last occasion, in 1974, tunes of the existing majority.

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worse electoral shape than contrary, was convinced that more cumbersome ideologi-the Caulliste.

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The fundamental weakness of the regime established by General de Gaulle in 1953 is that it excluded the alternation of left and right in order the callists.

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Mitterraed missed the presidency by less than 1 per cent. Since then, whether in by-elections, local elections, or most recently, last March, in municipal elections, his party's progress has been speciacular. It can now essentially a political task claim, without exaggeration, was, in the Gaullists' opinion, a grave usychological mis-

pal contests last March, even in the old political battle

and social situation, a majority of voters would now choose "choos" perhaps also by a hair's breadth. M Gissoy a hair's breadth in a broadcast recently that the students' barriage and the departure of energy decision and the departure of energy decision for change ", a senior official not suspected of left-wing sympathies recently told me, "and it is no longer really told me, "and a little less clearly, that of President Giscard "Estaing in 1974.

What they wanted then was and so of the survival to the past that in order to conserve than a concentration of power in presidential hands greater than under his two presidential hands gre stress and strain of po —or in the bitterness The chird factor of the has been said that power is would be the undoing of the

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years later, when it lost the premiership as well, through the resignation of M Chirac: and they came to a climax earlier this year when the Giscardians tried to stop the Gaullisis from obtaining the new mayoralty of Paris by putting up M Michel d'Ornano, one of the President's men, as the Government's candidate. The appointment of a non-

to be the largest in the country, with about 30 per central take of the kind M Giscard of the popular vote. or the popular vote.

The Socialists, until mid1976, seemed to be the sole three years. M Barre's stubbeneficiaries of the union of the left; and their advance virtues of austerity and remainly to be at the Com- trenchment, however right in munists' expense. But more themselves, was another in recently, as their own evolu- an electoral year. "You do tion towards greater pragnot win votes by graphs and matism and flexibility began indices a member of to tell, the Communists have Parliament exclaimed in the also begun to benefit from recent debate on the Governthe dynamic forces it has ment's 12-month action released. And in the municiprogramme ". Instead of the fighting

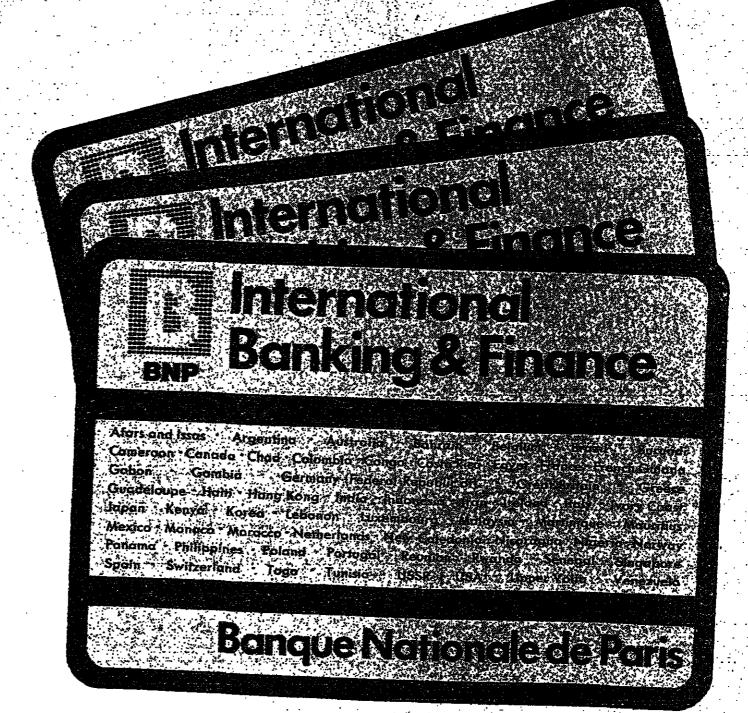
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## Success with independence in foreign sphere

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by Charles Hargrove

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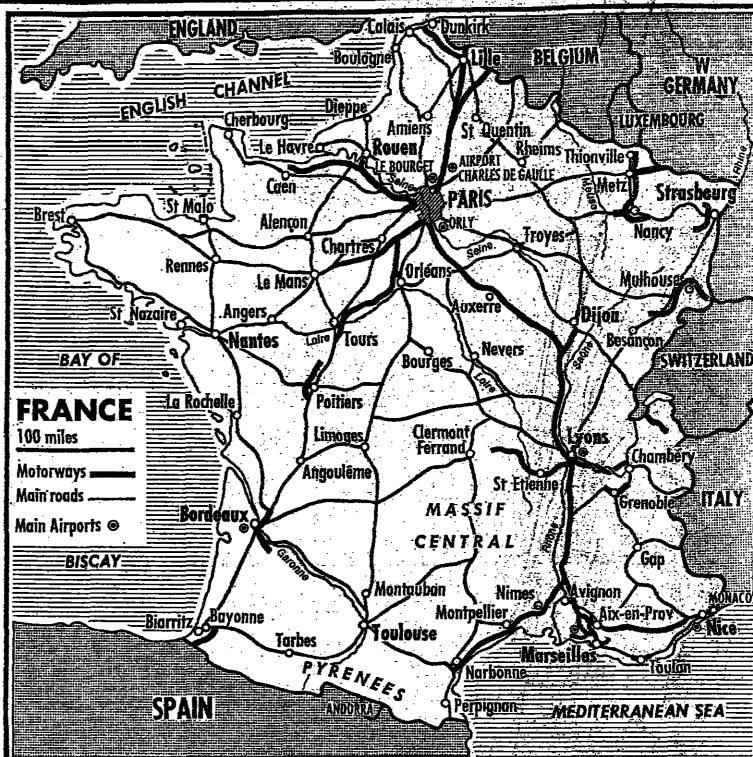
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## **Power over Paris** now municipal

by Anne Sington

a major western capital is taken out of the hands of the central government and transferred overnight to those of an elected municipality—as happened at the end of March to Paris—it may not be immediately apparent precisely how the change will affect on the one hand the city's relationship with the state, and on the other the lives of its inhabitants.
An unchanging tenet of

every regime (monarchy, empire, republic) has been tral government.

short rein held by the central government.

Formerly run by a prefect responsible to the Minister of the Innerior and able to override, or refrain from consulting, the elected city council, the capital has not yet completed its first three months of administration by an elected mayor leading a better than six to four majority of the 109 municipal councillors. At the same time, it has remained a department, like the country's 104 other departments headed by a departments headed by a department headed by a department prefect who exercises the authority of the state.

Passed in the last days of 1975, the law changing the city's statutes was surprisingly vague on certain aspects of the division of responsibility between mayor and prefect, city and aspects of the division or responsibility between mayor and prefect, city and state. In the words of one civil servant employed by the prefecture when it ran Paris, "they expected they would be bargaining among friends when it came to applying the law".

Reform that favoured main rival

Michel President Giscard d'Esta elected.
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reform that it would turn but also, paradoxically, for into an instrument to put his opponents. The Socialists power into the heads of his and Communists, whose 40 main political rival within sears on the municipal counhis own ranks, at that time cil have not, in M Chirac's his prime minister.

M Jacques Chirac's first share in running the city, act, on his election as may comfort themselves mayor, was to demonstrate with the reflection that his political clour by wresuling from the prefect least a reality. If at present eased by the ecological responsibility for PAssisdenied them, it is a legitomate Publique, which runs imate ambition for the burdensome for the new mayor will be the manner allied welfare services and

hotbed of anti-authoritarian ideas, should be kept on a M Jacques Chirac, former Prime Minister, is elected short rein held by the centre the first mayor of Paris for 106 years.

was the representative. Unable by electoral means to influence the life of their city, the inhabitants, with the exception of a few local or special interest pressure groups, had lost interest.

Anyone elected as the cantal which is an area in which in the cartal in t

or special interest pressure groups, had lost interest.

Anyone elected as the capital's first mayor would have started out with this psychological advantage. In the case of M Chirac, who on the national level has distanced himself from President and Government, this new feeling of participation is arguably stronger than it would have been had the President's man, M Michel d'Ornano, been vices complex.

The granting of building permits is an area in which chirac must resign him the Government. Ironically, it is his defeated rival, M Ornano, now Minister of Custure and the Environment, this new feeling of participation is arguably stronger than it would have been had the President's man, M Michel d'Ornano, been

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In doing so, be increased at a blow by 53,000 the number of employees under his direct control, already amounting to 30,000. The prefect has a staff of only amounting to 30,000. The prefect has a staff of only ment did, has decided that about 1,100m francs 500. The Prefect of Police (a their members shall be function peculiar to Paris appointed, not elected. In those of other communes, is not responsible for public order) has a complement of 4,300 administrative staff feeling, he has, however, men in France. As he himnalional police force.

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The same cold comfort in which the prefect intermappers to 20 arrondisse, and the prefect interment of states culture and the name of the mayor will be the manner of the same cold comfort in which the prefect intermappers the substitute.

The same cold comfort in which the prefect intermappers to the 20 arrondisse, met which the prefect interment of of states subsidies and the new law to involve the responsibility for verting certain municipal accounts. The city's annual operation of keeping Paris on at tight 7,000m francs (about £324m) amounting to 30,000. The response to the Governments run prefect has a staff of only ment did, has decided that about 1,100m francs (£130m). Sitting in his mage the municipal election of the most powerful to campaign of a strong Hotel de Ville, M Chirac is one of the most powerful one of the most powerful to the floridity representation one of the most powerful to the floridity representation one of the most powerful to the floridity representation of the mayor of the mayor of the mayor will be the manner of the same color committees of inverting the numicipal cultive for the numicipal ac M Chirat nevertheless committee. counterweight a mayor of started as he meant to go The same considerations Paris would be to the Presion, by announcing that he will prevent him from acting dem of the Republic."

#### Voters desert Gaullist reality for left-wing drama

recent Cabinet change produced, in their opinion, a casher coloridess ream neither rechascally brilliant nor politically impressive. M Barre would remain prince the trend in favour of the minister until the elections her; and however little this personality of M Poniatowski was, dropped; and instead of a shock programme, M Barre, last month, produced valid but uninspiring measures in favour of the uninspiring measures in favour of the covernment down families.

Disapproval and alarm in Gaullist ranks and even beyond over a government and a policy which did not measure up to the challenge came to a head in the vote of the months for those measures the fail in the fell anowledge that the cash of the conting programme at the end of him.

Agril. The Gaullist He would then make way, for the first time under the for their fighting Government. The Barre plan court

Fifth Republic, gave the of public safety which the The Barre plan courGovernment strictly condi Gaullists consider essential check unemployment in sitional approval and warned to win the elections. Other months. The instanct of cor,
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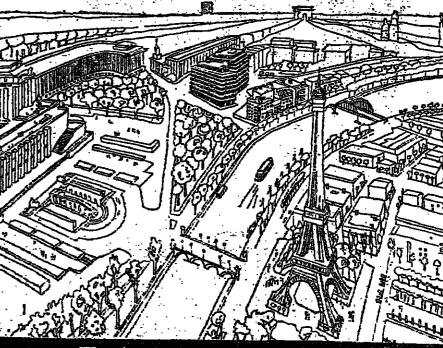
merits.

Opposition, will prepare him the fundamentally conserved this marks a turning point self to take over when the fundamentally conserved in the history of the regime; experiment of the left has could cause their to shrink and has even been described ended in chees and disaster, at the last moment, from as the beginning of its and Frenchmen turn to him what still looks like a leap in demise. But both President to get them out of the mess, the unknown and, on the and Prime Minister have For all that, however une most favourable hypothesis chosen to ignore the interportation of the promising the prospects for a period of economic uptions of the majority, and the Government, majority; heavel.

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## Economy will be main battlefield

On one side, the Socialists and their Communist allies in the Union de la Gauche are hoping that the disturbingly high level of unem-ployment will maintain the apparent in the March local elections. On the right, President Giscard d'Esta-ing's frayed majority is recovery programmes deve-loped by M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, to save it from defeat.

Although by the stand-ards of British economic failure France's present difficulties may appear to be the problems of too much success-it is sobering to recall that 15 years ago the British gross national pro-duct was twice that of France while today it is two thirds—less sanguine local commentators have begun eirine warnines.

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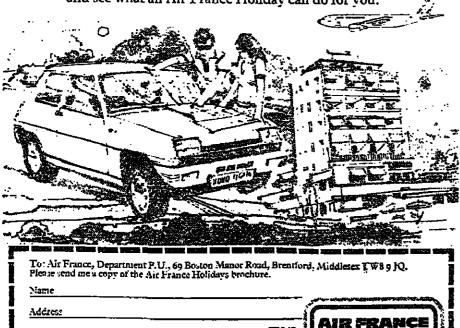
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## Unions anxious to avoid lengthy strikes

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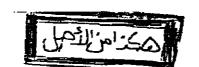
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nal asset and far he proudly identifies himself Now he produces maize, with the paysons and their love of the land. The family has lived and farmed at Chevrières for more than 400

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A friendly, handsome man, got for selling the animals time—consist of watching
to help heirs who want to

Transport to the son and I bought my potato machintelevision and seeing friends.

The Common Agriculture Policy has transformed French agriculture but it must be accompanied by

there must be a big expan- Until 1972 his wife, sion in present technical Yolande managed their small assistance programmes like farm with the help of 69-the one run by the French year-old Albert, now a lazy, farmers, development asso, who have been present the process.

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With a group of friends

The Common Agriculture

Policy has transformed
French agriculture but it must be accompanied by other common policies provided for under the Rome
Treaty transport, trade and finance.

World hunger can be solved only if there is a world organization of markets product And there is a big expanless product by product And there must be a big expansion in present technical

"H was tiring work, and the were paid for in cash. Unlike M Souplet's village there is no mutual help or sharing of machinery between Beaumarchais's six farmers.

Lucien Langlois's crop of fraize, potatoes and wheat brings him in a turnover of 70,000 to 80,000 francs (£8,000 to £9,000) a year.

"After meeting all our costs, and the rent for our land, and the rent for our land, this leaves us 18,000 francs

But he also strives to get farms 25 rented hectares at our 39-strong herd to one or taken a holiday-except a better deal for farmers - Beaumarchais about 30 miles cow and four bulls over the when stranded ar a cousin's in France, Europe, and the west of where Michel Soupler past five years. The milk and wedding in southern France meat dealers drive such a by the 1968 strikes. hard bargain that we cannot Their leisure activities

> M Langlois believe in taking advantage of the low-interest loans available to farmers. All his second-hand machinery, two tractors and 10-year-old Opel Kadett were paid for in cash

> this leaves us 18,000 francs

M Langlois attends local farmers' union meetings occassionally to find out what is

going on. He thinks the French Gov. prices for potatoes, meat and milk and do something about all those foreign products coming into the country. He has no clear views on

the Common Agricultural Policy but waxes eloquent on both French politics and world hunger. "It is a scanworld nunger. It is a scan-dal and television appeals do not do any good. The poli-ticians must decide to re-organize world farming, and help Third World farmers learn their trade."

Langlois loves the land and This sort of money is not would not exchange his 14association, vice which still continues, that led old rustic furniture.

Is there anything he would for change in his own Langtons The sort of money is not would not exchange his 14 hour day and seven-day week that decided to stay on and takes all his meals with the Yolande have managed to job in a factory or office. For his local cooper, felt I had a debt to pay off."

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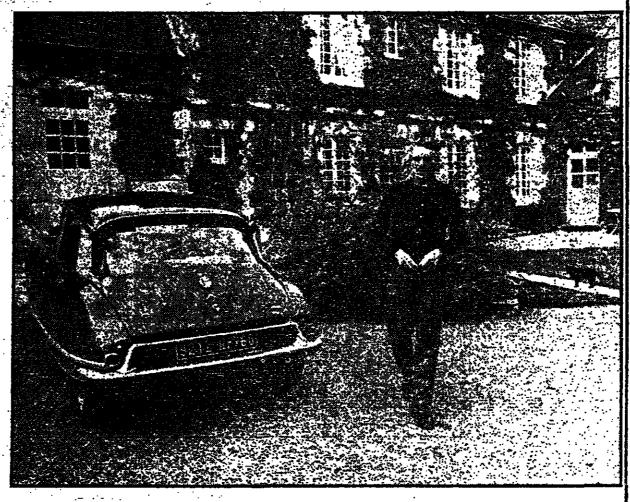
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ouplet, right, is one of the big, rich farmers who live more like technocrats than the British stereotype of the French peasant. Lucien Langlois and his wife, Yolande, who work rented hectares without help, conform to the more traditional image.

## Banks' conservatism skin deep

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## **Taxing questions**

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to win her suit he days when Presicord d'Estang was norself a reputation successive French ents have battled.

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The study found that at the level where British executives started being 50 per cent of their income in taxes, a salary of \$30,000 a ing success to make year, their French counterparts were still hanging on the whole system into a the National Assembly during the to \$1 per cent of their carp frauds' charter.

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54 per cent of French wage earners are liable to income tax, either because their

earnings are too low to qualify or because they bene-fit from a myriad of special

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benefits.

in part for the present gloomy state of the stock and next March's general elecproperty markets in France. Apart from making the tax That mood of pessimism

system more just, the left, if might be said to affect only elected, will also be bumping a small group of people who are unlikely to vote for the left anyway. Nevertheless. up rates of taxation to meet its promised increase in social security and other welfare given the historic resistance enerus.

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## Motor rivals in the market place cooperate in research

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by Peter Waymark

The French motor industry may not have accelerated out of the economic recession as quickly as the German but after a bad patern in 1975. Jist year saw nate is that French cars are production touching the three millions mark at 1.850.000, at a record level. Whether the industry can maintain, let alone improve upon, this performance in 1977 will dopened on the sort of factors that are only too familiar this side of the Channel—the incidence of Strikes and absenteeism, currency fluctuations, and continued the incidence of Strikes and absenteeism, currency fluctuations and continued the incidence of Strikes and absenteeism, currency fluctuations, and continued the strikes and absenteeism, currency fluctuations, and continued the strikes and absenteeism currency fluctuations and continued the strikes and absenteeism continued the strikes and absentee strikes and absentee s

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Renault made nearly 1,400,000 cars last year and took a third of the French market. It also supplied France's best-selling models, the R5 and R12, But as the company needs to work to 92 per cent capacity to break even this happy position is also a precarious one and a single big strike, such as the one in 1975 which lost 100.000 vehicles, can send the balance sheet into

Peugeot-Citroën rive led Renault's output in 1976 and Citroen car production, at 657,000, was

sions, including the addition of a tailgate and a more powerful engine, to the 104. But the demise of the 404 has left a gap in the middle

of the range and the aging 304 may find the going hard

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## Steel may be a centre of industrial store

Vanya Walker-Leigh

France may prove to be the beyond their Apr opening shor for increased line, and the unit industrial surfic. And giving their reac France's crisis-plagued steel dustry's final offer industry may become the day. It is likely

At the end of last year, the steel industry asked the the steel industry asked the fig for a thaf of Government for a 3,000m M Georges Grancs (£336m) had just to keep going for 1977, adding CFDF (socialis that it would need a total of workers federal; 24,000m francs (£2,800m) between now and 1980 to modernize plants, scrap four steel firms were modernize plants, scrap four out any overall results. million tons of out-of-date out any overall p capacity, imburse loans and increase company working results. What is t Capital.

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With a total capacity of 34 million tons, production last year was barely 23 million tons, compared with 27 to solve the million in 1974. In 1976, immore than a million tons actually exceeded exports than man hours reserved million tons) conserved million tons conserved million tons conserved million tons conserved than a modernization to the avoid pattern. In terms of hours per ton the modernization to industry's productivity as panied by redepin lower than anywhere else in improved work. Europe—let alone Japan, tions such as a filet alone Japan, tions such as a fi Only 12.5 per cent of furnaces and re France's steel output is 55 for the ha made by the communum jobs, a 40-hour with 30 per cent for Japan. retirement at 60. method, compared weeks holiday a What is more the industry's accumulated debts point in the instand at 33,000m francs or then we will be a
lift per cent of its 1976 strikes, occupation
turnover (compared with 45 rest.", he said."
per cent for British and 16 count on plenty
per cent for German steelt. from other union

Last year with a negative cash flow of 2,200m francs and debt service payments of 5,000m francs the in-

can cost 3,600m francs tabout ber of private lines was three million. The recent campaign by many arguments. Much play is made of its "demonated in a state that the carrier those unable to afford the arreraft will be able to enjoy a service which comes close to the same journey time. Of a rotal capacity of 382 seats, 274 will be second class, on the same tariff as other services.

The car, however, has its on the Government for imposing prices over the past of 12,000 million objects, 80 per cent of line of 12,000 million objects, 80 per cent of line objects, 80 per cent objects, 80 per objects, 80 per

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7,000m francs to the steel "As for our n industry. This time it will will not be 1 not commit itself to any 1,000m frarts for figure for aid, even though we are not goin it does accept the inevitable any advance of for following year.

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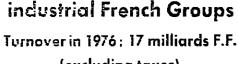
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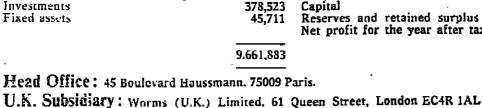
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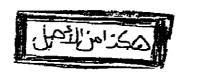
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## Ghost of de Gaulle haunts defence thinking

n Ardagh

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Debré and a few other die-hards are pro, for old-fash-ioned flag-waving reasons. But no less a figure than M. Piewe Messmer Defence. Minister under de Gaulle

Since then, however, the world has changed and so have French forces, as the left recognizes. The Socialists are almost solidly in with first. Nathalie Sarrante. favour of keeping the nuclear force, and that is especially true of their left wing, who are more national label covered many different ist, more anti-American, and kinds of experiment, and was therefore more Gaullist in their defence thinking, than the moderates.

The Communists, after ong prevarication, have long prevarication, may finally this month come out more firmly than the Socialists in favour of retaining the nuclear deterrent, and are now putting even greater emphasis than their partiers on the need to modernize and improve it— in order to make it less dependent on the United States and Nato skill.

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# Imitations are proof of new

then Robbe-Grillet and many followed later by the even label lamer nouveau roman.

by Christine

Brooke-Rose

Both Sarraute and Robbe Grillet had expressed their astonishment that the only narrative discourse recognized by the majority of readers (unlike the situation in the other erts), should be that of the nineteenth century, based on the truth of representation, and each in very different ways tried to after this discourse. At the same time came the nouvelle critique, arising out of structuralism and led chiefly by Roland Barthes.

What is the situation now? Before attempting to answer that question I should like to bring out the curious capacity of the French for assuming not only that all French good ideas are universal, but that all other good ideas are French.

In literary matters this has meant that France missed a little odd. The original out on all the Anglo-American "new criticism" (that dating word again), so that when their revolution came in the 1950s it was against a very nineteenth century kind of criticism.

Similarly in other fields, one sometimes gets the impression that the French discovered Hegel, Nietzsche, Marx and Freud after everyone else, though here it must be emphasized that much of this discovery is a thoroughgoing reinterpretation against the "normalizing". "reassuring" tendencies of the Anglo-Saxon world.

> Cultural lags produce odd results

So England long resisted what was happening in France. These are normal cultural lags. But in France they produced odd results, such as Barthes's insistence as Barthes's insistence on polysėmie, as if Empson had never written Seven Types of Ambiguity (1930), or Robbe-Griller's attack on the pathetic fallacy, made by Ruskin a good while earlier, or the sudden proliferation

# writing's power

Kafka, Joyce, Faul Dostoevsky and others.

That is as it should be: reaction against foreign influences always turns out to be parochial. And out of movement came some of most interesting, if

difficult, contemporary writers, such as Philippe position: literature is in perpetual crisis, the literary the best proofs of the foliation of the best proofs of the mouveau roman's invigorating power, despite entrenched resistance, is the sheer number of pale imitations (which then give rise to new experiments), both in France and elsewhere, that have flourished since, and their relative success—for diluters are always more to sosition: literature is in perpetual crisis, the literary the best comes of the political "series" is autonomous with regard to the political "series", two parallel lines publis out with to wai to wai to wai to wai to wai to wai to make the sheet runal revolution is creuser le singulier. (Troys Tourn the end what is exciting. Nothing could be more singular, for instance, than the work of Maurice Roche, who their relative success—for lar, for instance, than the reception, as opposed to diluters are always more work of Maurice Roche, who "scriptible", in which the easily accepted. Some recent has in effect returned fiction reader cooperates, co-writes easily accepted. Some recent has in effect returned fiction reader cooperates, co-writes examples may be mentioned:

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movement has scattered, as movements will. Some members have stopped writing. Others, like Marguerite Duras, have turned to the theatre and film, as did Robbe-Grillet for a long while. Others, like Claude Mauriac and Michel Butor. are using the techniques they developed, but for autobiography (Maurizc's many-volumed Le temps immobile), or for dreams and personal memories (Butor's Second sous-sol, 1976).

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pearances of things having moved on, are still the mas. pietincit. ters. Sarraute's recent Disent les imbéciles (Galli-mard, 1976) wittily but per-sistently pursues and desistently pursues and de-velops all her original intentions, which were to explore the imperceptible movements at the threshold of consciousness as if they were biological tropisms. Robbe-Grillet, who, on the contrary, exter-Indeed there is about some a fine con eback to the novel and the present situation of the new writers who have with his remarkable Projet in policies and becomes idiosyncratic but Indeed what is remarkable to the intellectual mood of fictional, or are about these two, so different France today.

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of the moment. The most engaging recen which once led the whole example is Roger Gérarii tacle (Flammarion, 1977), which exposes the world's statesmen as (also poor) comedians, this element of the big show in fact affecting everything, including publishers and writers. For tieth-century versions of the nineteenth-century (Troyat, Sabatier, Barthes's terms means that they require only a passive

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L'ambre d'elle-meme by Séverine Maupas (Seuil, 1977), Journal d'un innocent by Tony Duvert (Minuit, 1976), who has been writing for some time, Lazare et ses for some t wanow in solemany, and-biography and disguised essay, traditional or not. Even Sartre has indulged, via a filmed interview, now via a filmed interview, now published (Sartre, Gallimard, 1977). Perhaps the apparent political immobilisme and over-dramatization of squables are after all not such a separate "series". There is a nice phrase, mixture of three idioms, which well de-For these two, let it be scribes the general atmos-said, despite fashionable apphere: Il suivair son idee.

> most stimulating book I have read recently is not fiction, but comes from other media, though a lively contrast with Sartre: Délivrances-Face à face (Seuil, 1977), a printed who, on the contrary, externalizes and objectifies, made a fine contrary to the novel is the aftermath of 1968 in politics and literature. Both want revolution, both express a complete lack

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## Culture money may be easier promised than found

by John Ardagh

Paris is asking: what does Count Michel Gornano. Minister of Culture and the Enrice of Culture and the Enrice of Culture and the Enrice of Cultural arrangements—from the gordine decline.

Paris to Michel Guy, collightened aesthete, and Mine Francoise Giroud, in cellectual clinephile. Indeed, there is a runour going round the Paris salons, and quoted by Le Canard Enchance in the Circuit on the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, do have one thing in common; they are both members of a "society of haters of Calstance on his connected the prime Minister, of the prime Minister, of the prior the gold members of a "society of haters of Calstance on his visit in March, that the count and bis visit in March, there is a runour going the prime Minister, of the count and bis visit in March, that the count and bis visit in March, the public of the priorities in one o

effective Minister of In- ries crowding in too. as the rary, the superbly-hung moddustry; and what is more elections approach, it may ern art collection, the numerous exhibitions, lectures and discussions, the exciting that, for a number of sepchildren's art-workshop, and erate reasons, Paris is again

part of Paris told me: "I'm not yet sure I like all those gaudy pipes. But Beaubourg really is succeeding in providing this area with a new social and cultural focus, as intended. It is re-creating the 'agora' that has been dying in our urban society." Until late each evening the wide piazza beside the centre teems with musicians, entertainers, soan-box orators, strollers, cafe-goers.

Canema—and that was certainly not so 10 years ago. But what has been the ministry's total budget is now 60 per cent, against 49 per cent in 1973. Three preside bodies, the Opéra (138m francs), the Comédie Francaise (44m francs) and Beaubourg (132m francs), eat up nearly a quarter of the total working budget.

Not that the policy of helping the provinces has

cuts elsewhere? The ministry denies it, at least as fur as theatre and music are concerned. But there is evidence that funds for other museums, and for the restoring and upkeep of historical buildings, are being affected. Critics of Beaubourg point out that its modern art museum has as large a state subsidy as all the 31 other national museums together. Funds for these are not keeping pace with inflation, and because of staff cuts one third of the galleries at the Louvre and at Versailles have to be closed, in rotation.

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The Louvre, plunged in semi-darkness some of the semi-darkness some of the plans for its modernization have been shelved, while the total state budget for new acquisitions for museums, 5m francs for 1977, is only half that for the National Gallery alone. M Emmanuel de Margerie, director of the Musées de France, said recently: "The Centre Pompidou may be a marvellous international asset for France, but the other museums must have equal treatment". And after M Barre was shown round the Louvre in March, he admitted: "This is the richest, and yet the poorest, of any museum I know"—and them.

tuating the recent trend towards cultural recentralization on Paris. In the 1960s Malraux, to his credit, made a genuine effort to decentralize, notably with his ambitious scheme for a network of maisons de la culture. These may not have been a total success: yet without doubt, thanks to Malraux and others, the provincial scene is far livelier than 20 years ago.

However, recent ministers, and notably M Michel Guy (1974-76), have switched the emphasis back to trying to arrest the decline in Paris's world reputation.

winning the funds that the museums so badly need? Will he continue to promote Paris, as one might expect, or do more for the provinces, or try to do both?

We may have little time to provide answers to these questions before being swept away by a victory of the left. If that day comes, one can be sure that most of the actors, artists and animateurs scattered around France will raise a great cheer. But the left will then face the challenge of how to find la culture to a working class every bit as suspicious of it and alienated from it as

one inhabitant of this international centre for the sleazy and over-congested best music, theatre, art and part of Paris told me: "I'm cinema—and that was an and part of sure I like all them."

Splendid, but is not Beau-bourg's big subsidy causing cuts elsewhere? The min-status of national drama

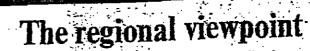
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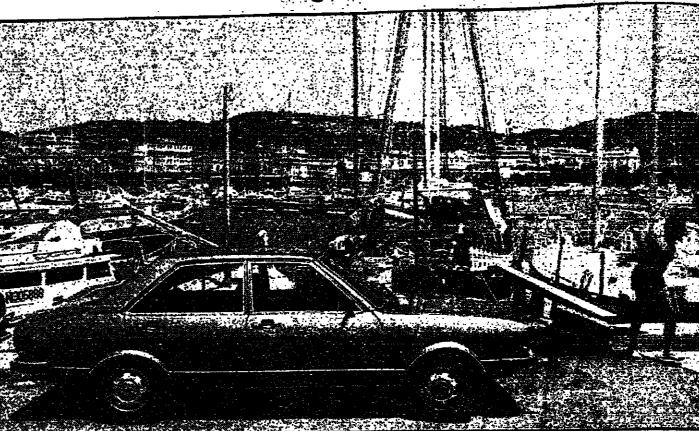
Another charge against the Beaubourg operation de grandeur is that it is accentuating the recent trend to help to fund them.

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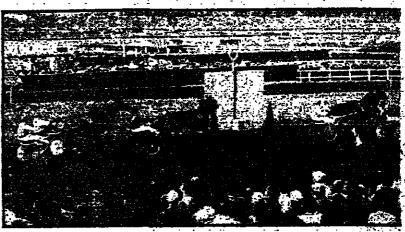
Will he continue to promote





Yachts on the Côte d'Azur; demonstrating miners from Lorraine; trotting races at Vincennes; in the streets of central Lyons.









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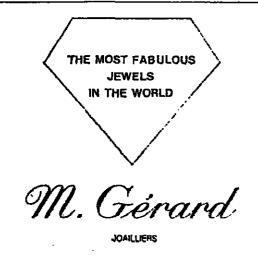
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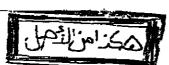


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## SECRECY BREEDS MISTRUST

It would be too much to expect name. They must find this parthe Russians to abandon their long tradition of secrecy but they would do well to ponder its implications and ask whether they themselves really benefit from it. Last week they abruptly threw President Podgorny out of the Politburo in a way that clearly indicates he is in disgrace and will not be President for much longer. Perhaps he was politely asked to step down in favour of Mr Brezhnev and refused, though it is difficult to see why he should deny himself the privileges of an honourable retirement. More probably he objected to something in the new constitution, which is due to be published on Saturday. Or per-haps he disgraced himself in some other way. The fact is that only a tiny group of people know the answer and they do not believe that the people of the Soviet Union or the outside world have any right to know why the head of the second most powerful state in the world is suddenly dropped from the body which in effect rules that state.

Probably this makes them feel safe and secure. It ought to worry them. In the first place it reveals an attitude of extreme disdain towards the Soviet people, who must receive very clearly the message that they are not to be trusted with information about the views and activities of those who rule in their

ticularly difficult to reconcile with Mr Brezhnev's speech on the new constitution last week, in which he talked of a " deepening of socialist democracy" and said that the constitution should "raise to a qualitatively new level our entire State and economic activities, the entire work of legislative and executive bodies, and will enable millions of Soviet people to join still more actively in the management of the economy and control over the work of the State apparatus." Participation and control make little sense without knowledge, or with only the limited knowledge supplied by the very men whom the people are supposed to "control".

Then there is the outside world. The policies and inten-tions of the Soviet Union are a matter of legitimate deep concern to everyone. To understand them properly it is necessary to understand the forces which go into their making. Yet the Soviet Union does everything within its power to deny the world this understanding. Indeed, in some respects it has closed in more than ever in recent years. It has, for instance, steadily reduced the amount of published biographical information on members of the ruling elite. Last year, for the first time, the yearbook of the Large Soviet Encyclopedia did not contain biographies of members of the Central Commit-

tee elected at the March congress. The official reference work on deputies of the Supreme Soviet is practically unobtainable now. In fact the Soviet Union is the only developed country which does not make freely available anything in the nature of a Who's Who. It has made some small gestures towards publishing more economic information, in response to the Hel-sinki agreement, but it still falls a very long way below the level expected in the normal commercial life of the west. The problem is created by a

very powerful mixture of forces
the Russian tradition (which includes not only secrecy but cistrust of the people), the con-spiratorial habits of communism, the Leninist doctrine of the party vanguard, and the entrenched interests of a ruling class which does not want the trouble and discomfort of having to account for itself. The unavoidable result, however, is that people look upon the Soviet Union with puzzlement and distrust and refuse to take its statements at face value. Nobody is going to put much faith in policies or statements of intent produced by mechanisms which are largely invisible. Of course, it is not impossible that the mistrust would be even greater if the mechanisms were visible, but there is certainly no chance whatever of diminishing it until they are.

#### **BROADCASTING'S FALSE FRONTIERS**

Droitwich the uneuphonious mental choice on the dial of the mature radio set is not matched on the television set; the ionosphere, obligingly reflective to medium waves is all but transparent at television frequencies. Once the transmitter is over the horizon or eclipsed by a mountain the signal disappears, so the number of transmitters that an extensive or mountainous country has to erect for satisfactory coverage is very large. Hence there was wide international interest in the use oi satellites for broadcasting at a meeting for broadcasters and engineers sponsored by the European Space Agency and the European Broadcasting Union in Dublin last week; but the vistas opened up by satellite broadcasting are proving politically unartractive in some parts of the world. A framework is being prepared for it which confines reception so far as possible to the territory from which its broadcast originates, and so minimizes the opportunities for personal choice.

Powered by solar panels, they will receive signals beamed to them from their home country and rebroadcast the amplified signal back to earth. With present technology the minimum beam will be about 200 kilo-practicable, the radiation over metres across, the maximum the territory of other countries beam will be about 200 kilo-

transmissions have already been made with an American satellite lent to the Indian government for a highly successful year of beaming educational television to remote rural area. The Canadians are now experimenting with a satellite, the Japanese will launch one in 1978, and the European Space Agency is talking of an experimental satellite in four years time. By 1990 some countries will probably be in the business of routine broadcasting by satellite. The United Kingdom with a well developed ground network of transmitters and not excessively mountainous topo-graphy is likely to take its time.

In order to avoid a scramble for frequencies and satellite locations there was a gathering in January and February of all the world's broadcasting nations to parcel out the sky and the spectrum around twelve Gigahertz. Each nation (down to San Marino) was allotted five channels and a satellite position; nations that so wish can now go ahead. Furthermore rigorous precautions have been taken to Satellites for broadcasting will ensure that adjacent nations do not interfere with each other. called spillover to such a low level is entirely in keeping with Radio Regulation 428A, which stipulates that "all technical means available shall be used to reduce, to the maximum extent

Hilversum, Kalundborg, Tiflis, about ten times as large. Experi- unless an agreement has been previously reached with such countries".

The Soviet Union and its allies, and France, are among the nations most happy with the arrangements, for reasons of ideological or cultural protectionism. Proponents of the docurine of prior consent can also point to the problems that would otherwise arise concerning copyright and royalties, the dangers of propaganda and even diversity in legal constraints on television: the Irish Republic, as Mr Conor Cruise O'Brien pointedly noted, does not allow the IRA to appear on Irish Tele-vision, but if BBC can broadcast interviews and these are picked up over the water, what becomes

of the state's authority?
There are reasons of state and practical reasons of broadcasting policy for confining the recep-tion of direct satellite transmissions to the countries of origin so far as it is technically possible to do so. There is also a contrary interest in freedom of communication, the widening of choice in television viewing, and cosmo-politan exposure. That argues for making the trans-frontier transmission of satellite broadas possible. The issue is one of great future importance, yet it has been closed in favour of restriction by decisions taken at a technical level, without any statement of government policy, and in the absence of public debate.

#### THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL PIG

When Mr John Silkin became Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food last year he decided to intensify the Government's policy of restraining food prices within the inflationary framework of the Common Agricultural Policy. That created pressure on farming incomes which was bound eventually to produce an intolerable strain somewhere. The pig sector has been the first to crack and all the convoluted argument which has surrounded its agony arises from Mr Silkin's dilemma of keeping prices of food low and those of farm produce high.

There are social and commercial as well as political reasons for the losses which many Dig farmers are now making. Gammon is quoted at the same average as chuck steak and plaice fillets in the latest official survey of food prices in shops. High prices and a steep rise in the number of working mothers have robbed bacon of its share of the breakfast market, and it has not dislodged fresh meat and poultry later in the day enough to compensate.

Moreover, pig producers have been caught on a cost spiral which has been less severe for those farmers who earn their living from animals that graze. They have failed to match the increased yields and price cuts in real terms secured by the poultry sector, the other main victim of fluctuations in prices of imported protein feed. That is the background to the complicated argument which has culminated in an interim judgment against the British Government in the European Court of Justice. Mr Silkin's critics in the EEC

say that the minor difficulties of pig farmers are the direct result of his major abuse of the Com-mon Agricultural Policy. He cannot hold down food prices by extreme manipulation of the "green pound", they say, and then complain about the consequences of his manipulation. In reply to that he falls back on the need to reform the policy. If its support prices were not excessively high, he argues, it would be unnecessary for him to strain the system to protect British

shoppers from its impact. British pig producers and processors cannot make much money because their prices are undercut by products from other EEC countries which benefit from monetary compensatory

amounts. Those are payments made at Community expense to iron out differences in price in intra-Community trade caused by the distances at which "green" currencies are fixed from national exchange rates. They are Community subsidies which bring down the price of, say, brawn from West Germany to a British price when it is sold in Britain. In the case of pigmeat, however, they are calcu-lated in a way which puts the British producer at a disadvan-

tage in his own market.
Mr Gundelach, EEC Commissioner for farming and fisheries, refuses to prejudge the British Government's claim for aid authorized by the Community to replace the forbidden pig subsidy. He has said that the Commission's decision will be based on the state of pigs throughout the EEC and that he considered some British farmers' complaints about their plight "slightly exaggerated". But the very least the Commission can do when it considers the matter on Wednesday is to remove any element of discrimination against British producers in the calculation of monetary compensatory amounts payable on imported pig

#### The Land Fund

From Lord Reigate Sir, In an interview in your is-of today's date (May 27) Profess John Hale, Chairman of the National Gallery Trustees, please for a Government statement on it policy towards the threatened di persal of works of art. Among other remarks, he su

gests that the Government "mu reactivate the Land Fund or creat a meaningful substitute for it".

It happens that on June 23 th National Land Fund Bill which have tabled will have its Second Reading. I have sought in this Bill to

appoint trustees to administer the National Land Fund, and give them a modicum of independence from the Treasury.

The Bill is far from perfect and it is my hope that the House will financed bodies, and into the agree to its going before a Select criteria for selecting them for

Committee which could hear evidence and improve the Bill. Alas, I have no reason to think at I shall get a very sympathetic ply from the Government from each, but at least the matter will are been brought to public atten-

ours etc., 'EIGATE. ouse of Lords. fay 27.

#### The British archive

From the President of the Royal Historical Society Sir, The Council of the Royal Historical Society strongly supports the call for a new inquiry into modern government records—into their administration within the Public Record Office, government departments and other publicly financed bodies, and into the

preservation. More and more hisportions are studying the recent past, and we find among them the deep disquiet about archival arrangaments which your correspondence columns have reflected. pondence columns have reflected.

Moreover, in the 25 years since
the Grigg Committee sat, history
inself has changed and social
acientists increasingly use historic
material. Low level papers which
are normally destroyed may now
be as interesting to scholars as
high policy papers, while computers
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make it possible to process mountains of data which could formerly only be used through sampling. The problems both of administration and scholarship are difficult, and the Council urges that an inquiry into them be launched as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully, JOHN HABAKKUK President, Royal Historical Society, University College London, Gower Street, WC1.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### EEC membership and food prices

From Wenne Godley and Mr Alister ducts have not rised faster than McFarquhar

Sir, Lord Thomson's "counter matters is how much lower the anack" on behalf of the Com-

attack" on behalf of the Com-mon Arricalarial Policy (The Times, May 26) relies predomin-ently on "facts about food prices stated with crystal clarity by David Wood " (The Times, May 23)-David Wood's article was largely a paraphrase of a speech made by Mr Roy Jenkins on May 5, in the course of which we were accused of having written "wild things" about food prices and the CAP in the Cambridge Economic Policy Review March 1977. It is the material macanatal

Review March 1977.

It is the material presented by Mr Jenkins and repeated by David. Wood which is seriously misleading, mainly through omission. The principal impressions conveyed are that the cost to the Bairish consumer of membership would in principle be adequately measured by any spress of prices we base to by any excess of prices we have to pay for food compared with long-run supply prices on world mar-kets; that on balance there is no. such excess; that membership hasn't contributed much to inflation because CAP products haven't risen fester in price than other products.

On the first point, any estimate of the cost most include in addition

to any excess of prices compared with world prices, the United King-dom's net contribution to the Com-munity Ferm Budget which will be about £450 million in 1977 and about £550 million next year. This contribution is a direct charge both on the balance of payments and on the Exchequer; it the United King-dom did not have to make it, indirect tax rates could be reduced by about 51,000 million (using norby about \$1,000 million (using normal Budget conventions) which could add about 3 her cent to domestic output and directly reduce consumer prices by over 1 per cent, without any deterioration in the balance of payments.

Second, as was explicitly conceded in our article, any view of the relationship between the prices are actually naving and

we are actually paying and world prices must be based or a dubious estimate of what world prices would be for larger volumes of trade. But this areas and trade. of trade. But this applies to Mr Jenkins' suggestion that any excess paid by the United Kingdom is nil paid by the United Linguist is in or negligible as well as to our tentarive estimate that the excess was worth about £200m before the recent negotiations. We are now inclined to increase this figure significantly, mainly because world markets are starting to look chroni-cally oversupplied not only with butter but also with sugar, beef and cereals which account for the major part of CAP support costs; the position is usefully documented in an article by Mr John Cherrington in today's Financial Times.

The final point that CAP pro-

products would be if we were not

Our net contribution to the Form Budget is insignificantly different Budget is insignificably different from our net courribution to the Community Budget, as a whole which the Public Expenditure White Paper (Canad 6721) puts at 5430m implying net receipts of only £29m from other flows.

The conclusion stands that food prices in the United Knogdom would be rather lower but for the CAP and that the Inviter of from

CAP and that the burden of man-on (and hence consumer price) in general) would be much lower-Moreover the same PSBR and ball augeover me same FSBR and bal-ence of payments would be achieved with a higher level of outgot and employment. On this basis the CAP is adding about 50,000 to the present level of unemployment in Britain.

Yours faidfully,

WYNNE GODLEY. ALISTER MCFARQUHAR, Department of Applied Econo University of Cambridge, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge

From Miss Eurlys Roberts

Sir, Last Thursday (May 26), the Common Marker's Economic and Social Committee formally asked the Council of Ministers to take further action on behalf of consumers in the nine countries. Specifically, they asked for strict enforcement of the existing good, con-sumer legislation; for investigation of some invationally high prices; for some real progress with consumer education in schools; for more freedom of information; and for it to be recognized that con-sumers should, eventually, he con-sulted on all economic decisions which effect them. They asked for achievement towards these goals

within four years. Out of the 144 members of the Out of the 144 members of the Committee, only eight are what we would here call consumer representatives. The rest are mainly producers, farmers, traders and trade unionists. So I think it notable that this very pro-consumer request was passed unaumously, with only four abstentions.

Penhans your recent correspond-

Perhaps your recent correspondents, who have so much to say against the Common Market, will And may I say that it is scarcely surprising that the Common Market's boar goes a fittle slowly when so many of the people in it are rowing backwards? Yours sincerely,

that happens in Ireland "produces rapid results". Peace will only emerge slowly when the due pro-cess of law are seen to work and

when all the people have faith in the system of government. Some signs of this faith were shown in the faiture of the Paisley strike.

of the security forces, will do far more damage to the terrorists cause

EIRLYS ROBERTS, 8 Lloyd Square, WCI.

#### Selective internment, From Mr Edward Hay

Sir, Speaking at Abingdon last Thursday (May 26) Mr Airey Neave is reported by you as saying that "many Army officers advocate the many Army officers acroscate the reintroduction of detention on a highly selective basis." He want on to say that detention "could bring rapid results if skilfully handled." I can assure Mr Neave that there are also "many" Army officers who now believe, with the advantage of hindsight, that intervenent was an error because it gave the IRA cheir support in the Cathalit. was an error because it gave the IRA their support in the Catholic ghettoes. And, certainly today, it would revive the sapping fortunes of the IRA in a way in other single measure could—and it would be irrelevant as to how selective the security forces were to be. For selectivity, like beauty, is in the eyes of the beholder.

Secondly, it is a fact that nothing

than any new law or the reintroduc-tion of innerment on however selective a basis. Your obedient servant, EDWARD HAY, 11 Stack House Cundy Street, SW1

#### Criticizing China

From Projessor M. A. Epstein Sir, Having just returned from the People's Republic of China, I was most interested to read Bernard Levin's three features last week (May 17, 18, 20). However, I feel I must join issue with Mr Levin's main point, namely, that almost all visitors to China go with critical faculties suspended and return as gulled dupes who have been shown only a stage managed charade of what the Chinese authorities would like the world to believe about their country.

Before my visit I had no special Before my visit I had no special knowledge of China, nor expertise in the economic or industrial matters which would enable me to pass judgment on some of the points Bernard Levin makes regarding these aspects of China's progress. However, work in my kaboratory over the past 13 years has come to have a significant bearing on the commonest cancer of men and the second commonest cancer of men and the second commonest cancer of vomen in South China, and it was for discussions on this that I was invited by the Chinese Academy of Medical

Like all other visitors I was, of course, taken to a series of show places—certain communes, modern housing estates, and certain hospi-tals—and like other visitors, am quite unable to assess how typical these might be for the country as a whole. On the other hand I was also able to visit rural areas in Knang tung Province where the tumour in question has its highest incidence in the world. I was several times told that no foreign visitor had been in these parts before and although there is no means of verifying this fact. I am inclined to believe it in view of the total absence of accommodation and other facilities for Westerners and the considerable crowds who gathered both in villages and small towns to catch a glimpse of a foreigner.

In the rural areas of Kuang tung Province I was impressed as a lay-man with the apparent efficiency and modernity of the agricultural effort occupying every conceivable area of ground. These are mere impressions, but I find it hard to believe that the ubiquitous electricity supplies in the countryside providing power for innumerable electric irrigation pumps, the evidence of agricultural mechaniza-tion beside mile after mile of dust roads and the well dressed and well nourished appearance of the popu-lace could have been contrived

merely to impress a possible vision to the high incidence area of nasopharyngeal carcinoma.

On the other hand, I can speak with some expert knowledge on the medical arrangements I was able to see. Apart from the impressively organized network of the local cancer screening and prevention programme I was also able to inspect in passing the extraordinary efforts made to provide basic sam tation and proper water supplies in-villages consisting of mod tuts with straw thatched roofs. This con-siderable effort in public hygiene must clearly, as is claimed, have enormously reduced all those tropi-cal diseases carried by the faecal-oral route of infection, and the proper elimination of refuse and eradication of files even deep in the countryside can only have added to this added to this.

I was also impressed by the efforts made to control and eliminate schistosomiasis. Although one cannot possibly check the claims for eradication of this disease over wide areas of country on a brief visit, I nevertheless cannot believe that a team of 10 technicians found examining 700 plastic bags of stools in a village mud but which included an incubator room was set up on the off chance that I might drop by 80 miles from the nearest city.

I have not had a chance yet to read Professor Lunwak's article with which Mr Levin is so much concerned, but from the quotations provided it would seem that his attitude to the People's Republic of China must have been just as prejudiced against what he saw there as some of the visitors of whom Mr Levin complains were whom Mr Levin complains were prejudiced in favour. Fram what I saw of the standard of living and medical care in the rural areas of a poor country with a 50-year history, before liberation, of chaos and economic confusion, I can only feel that a great deal was being them within to immore the constant of the control of t done visibly to improve the estuation of the population. Whether or not this calls for the extreme repression Mr Levin postulates one cannot say, but certainly there was none of the feeling of tension and anhappiness which is so obvious in many kron Curtain countries, and the way in which basic problems were being dealt with forms an amazing contrast to what one sees in so many societies of Asia and Africa in a comparable condition.

Yours faithfully, M. A. EPSTEIN, Department of Pathology, University of Bristol, The Medical School, University Walk

## Future of the 'Standard' and the 'News

From the Chairman of Associated paper. Mr Winner declared the Newspapers Group Limited Newspapers Group Limited
Sir, I waste regarding certain
remarks about me made by Charles
Winnour in his speech at the AA
loacheon as widely reported in the
press. As to the rest of his remarks
I consider that the character of his
speech is self evident.

Mr. Charles Wintour effects that I set out to "eat the Evening Spinder delive". I wish to some that the negotiations were freely entered into by Beaverbruok Newspapers; that the choice to sell the Evening Standard was theirs; that every detail of them arrangement we spreed by them including the follow or infart triuting operation designed. agreed by them including the tollow up joint printing operation designed in cassare the survival of newspayers, not their demise. So far as I show the negotiations were fully approved by the Beaventhrook board of which Mr Winnout was and is a member.

Li was always fully understood first to arrangement would be sought to be amposed on eather company except by marked agreement. Hence the wholly imappropriate nature of the phrase catenative.

Since I have been the subject of his personal attack I feel I must record that I offered Mr. Wintour the post of chakruan of a selection committee to consist of himself Mr. Santon Jericins and Mr. Lon Kirby to choose from the staffs of the Standard and the News those to serve on the proposed new paper and further that he should advise on the style and character of this

offer and said dist the entire staff of the Evening Standard must be retained from the Editor to the shost justor jumposes and that the trinde editorial staff of the Evening News could be so far as he was con-corned make redundant. I argued

Yours faithfully, VERE HARMSWORTH,

New Carmelite House, Carmelite Sweet, EC4. May 27.

#### Lobby briefings

From Mr Ronald Butt From Mr Ronald But:
Sir, Mr Joe Haines (Letters), asks
me to say whether I approved then,
or approve now, of what he calls
the "arrangements" by which I
and certain other political journalists occasionally saw the then
Prime Minister, Sir Harold Wilson,
in what Mr Haines calls a "group" in what Mr Haines calls a "group" from which the political correspondent of The Times was (Mr Haines asserts) excluded. I neither approve nor disapprove. The visits to No 10 to which Mr Haines allustes (in, I think, 1966/67) were entirely a matter of personal invitation by a telephone call from the Prisne Minister's office to each individual journalist having In no seuse did the group organize itself, and nobody was "excluded" except in the sense that if somebody asks, some people to a social gathering, and honory was excluded except in the sense that if somebody asks some people to a social eathering, others not so invited might be deemed to be "excluded." I had no idea whom the Prime Minister intended to invite, or who would be present until I enrived. Certainly there was no political has so far as the composition of such meetings went: they included, to the best of my recollection, the rearesentatives of newspacers of various complexious. For all I knew or know now, The Times political correspondent may have had his own meetings with the then Prime Minister separately.

No political journalist invited

(professionally) to visit the Prime Manister of the day could possibly refuse to so on the grounds that the Prime Minister unight not be inviting someone from another

inviting someone from another newspaper.

In any case, contrary to what Mr Haines appears to think, I was myself not a member of the lobby at the time of these meetings, which were not arranged through the collective lobby machinery. One result that I suppose would follow if collective meetings of the whole lobby were wholly discontinued would be a proliferation of small informal groups arranged by invitation.

Mr Haines was that the meetings

Mr. Haines says that the meetings to which he refers "became to be known as the white Commonwealth". It is not a matter of coming to be known: they were given that haptism at their time by so I was then informed on what Mr. Heines would, I hope, accept as the highest authority) that well known wit and satisfiest. Mr. Gerald Kaufman, then a member of the Prime Minister's office. As for the reasons why Mr. Heines discontinued his own briefings, he has one explanation and prople in the lobe at the time (I was not then among them), have another. I think we Mr Hames says that the meetings them) have another. I think we must let it rest at that Yours faithfully.

RONALD BUTT. 200 Gray's Inn Road, WC1. May 26.

#### Incomes policy

Finally, I would suggest that Mr Neave's speeches on terrorism are misplaced for they tend to highlight the activities of the terrorists, whether they be Catholic or Protes-tant, to a level of importance which they do not deserve. Of course, they have done much harm but pasience From Mr Graham Cleverley Sir. Such a blatant example of the money illusion as that displayed by Mr Campbell Christie in his article this morating (May 26)

drives one almost to despair.

Granted there has been a decline in living standards would have been even greater.

And he might realize that in fire in living standards would he might realize that in fire in which Mr Christie's members and other trades unionists have shared. Granted it is the proper aim of trade union leaders to restore and indeed improve those standards of the biggest hears from such a cetum would be the sick in unemployed, the sick in the beginning he is perhaps in the biggest heart to increase in the biggest heart to free collective and the biggest heart to increase in the line of the biggest heart to increase in the increase at a few that in the could heart a personal interest bases in the biggest heart to increase in the biggest h exploiting someone with less economic or political strength. He might see that the Government (except in so far as Mr Callaghan and his colleagues care to make personal charitable donations) can

not simply give wealth to people, had only force of coar one group to give it to another. He thight see that had the Government not abrogated the social contract, then his members decline in living standards applied have been appropriately

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m a unterest branca but I'm sure my encestors and his would have joined in assuring him that no matter how attractive it may be factle gold does little to increase real living standards.

Yours faithfully GRAHAM CLEVERLEY, 29 London Road, Southampton May 26.

#### St Alban and St George

From The Bishop of St. Albanis Sir, In provincial papers we are familiar with the headline which contradicts the text. We don't expect it in The Times.
Clifford Longley today (May 30)
makes a few succinct points in the
overwhelming case for Alban as the

patron saint of England. Why then the cautious headline of a threatened Establishment, "St Alban not quite ready to supersede St George"?

Courage, Mr Editor! Such is not the stuff of which Albans and Englishmen are made. Yours patriotically. ROBERT ST ALBANS Abbey Gate House, St Albans, Hertfordshire,

#### Human rights in Ghana From Miss Anne M. Winstanley.

May 30.

Sir, We read with interest Kenneth MacKenzie's report yesterday (The Times, May 24) on the Five Year-Development Plan recently produced by the Ministry for Economic Planning in Chara. The plan seems to echo many of the points made by Mr. J. H. Mensah (Prisoner Column The Times of Conscience column, The Times, February 7, 1977) in a pamphlet he February 7, 1977) in a pumphlet he wrote in Angust, 1975 criticizing the government's economic record, and for which he was subsequently tried for sedition and someoned to eight years imprisonment with hard labour. Mr Mensah is an economist of international reports and had been Minister of Pinance under Dr K. Busia in the previous civilian government, which was overthrown by the present military government in 1972.

Our especial concern, as members of Annesty International, is with renced to six years imprisonment for abenuent of sedition. Previously Dr. Busia's private secretary, at the time of his arrest he was employed by Mr Mensah as a secretary. In this capacity he helped produce copies of the pamphlet in

Both Mr Mensah's and Mr Karikari's lawyers filed pentions of appeal immediately after the trial in November, 1975, but even yet no date has been fixed for the appeal hearing.

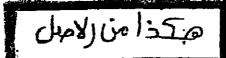
We would like, through your columns, to draw attention to this case of egregious injustice, hoping that some influence can be brought to bear upon the Gharaian government to hasten the hearing of the appeal Yours faithfully.
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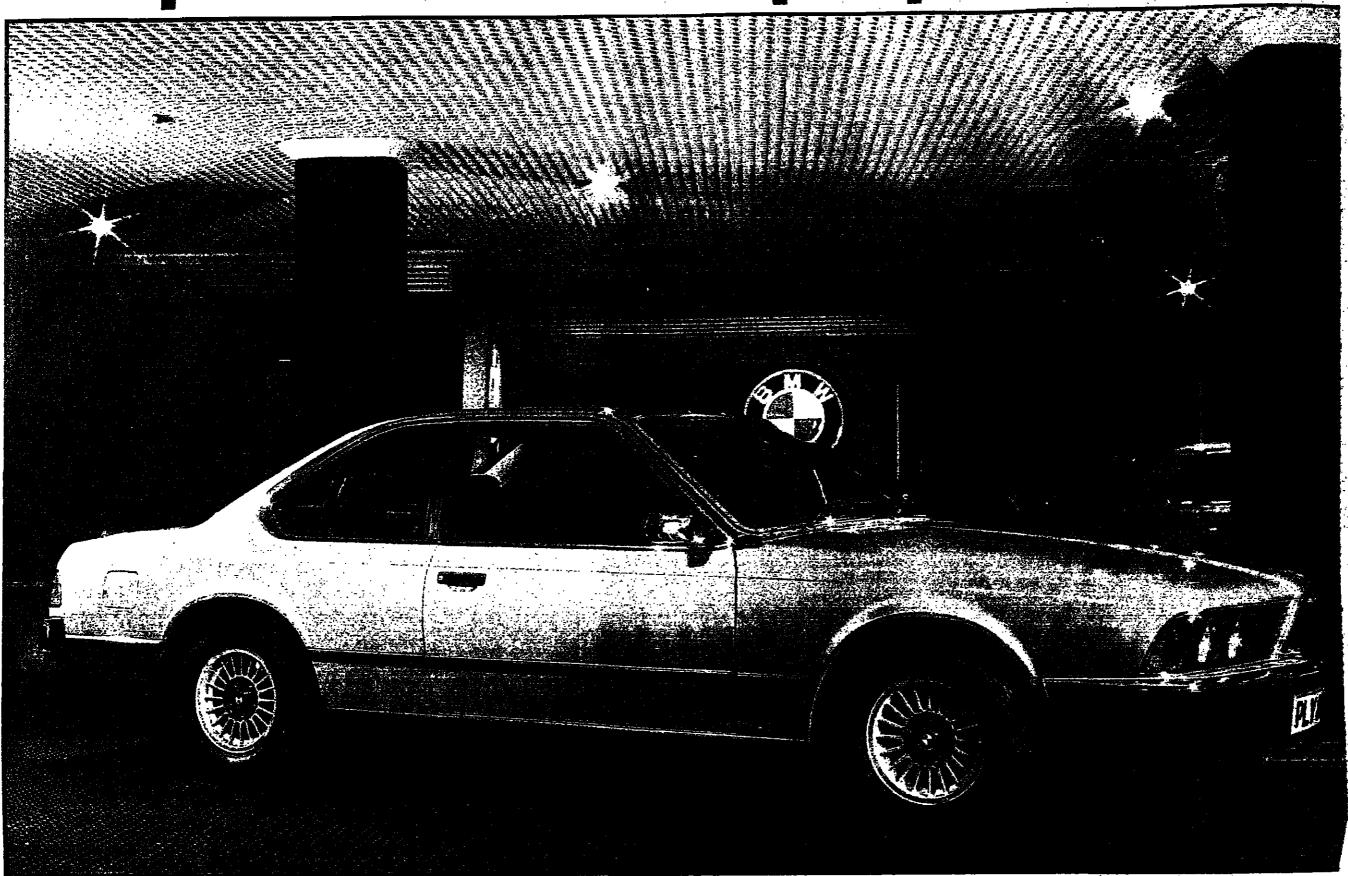
TANA WOLLEN,
Ampesty International
British Section,
Cambridge University Group. 49 Chesterton Road, Cambridge. May 25.

#### Silent Sundays From Mrs J. A. Morris

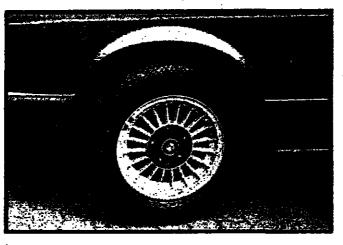
Sir, I suggest a welcome move towards energy conservation might be the abolition of the motor most What bliss to return to a peacer Sinday morning in the garden!
Yours faithfully,
JUDY MORRIS.
18 Alexandra Road. Strensall, York, May 22



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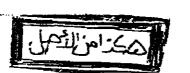
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The Prince of Wales will visit Natural Gas Tubes Ltd, Ebbw Vale, and will open new plant at Tafarnaubach on Friday. Princess Alexandra will be pre-sent at a gala concert in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal at the Chichester Festival Theatre on June 12

Dr Odette L'Henry-Evans, principal lecturer of the Polytechnic of North London, has been created Chevalier de L'Ordre des Palmes Académiques in the French homours list.

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only 10 entries have been of for this year's £250 wealth Poetry Prize, the rs are inviting entries of ublished between July 1 r and June 30 this year, and is for a first book of in English by an author Commonwealth country in Britain.

At the annual Court of Trinity House held yesterday the Duke of Edinburgh was reelected Master of the corporation for the forth-coming year. Captain M. B. Wingane was reelected Depnty Master, and Captain D. A. G. Dicken's and Captain D. A. G. Dicken's and Captain D. B. Bury were reelected Wardens. Viscount Runciman of Doxford, Sir Harold Wilson, Sir Eric Drake and Admiral Sir Terence Lewin attended the court with active and retired Elder Brethren and the Younger Brethren.

After the court the annual service was held at St Olave's, Hart Street, where the preacher was the Bishop of Birmingham.

The Master presided at a luncheon held after the service.

Trinity House

His Royal Highness was present this evening at a Silver Jubilee Gala Performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent marriages Mr P. C. G. Clark and Miss T. A. Gib

Forthcoming

May 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was pretent this evening at a Silver Jubilee Gala Performance at the Royal Opera House. Covers Garden The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Clark, of Dingley, Yorkshire, and Thérèse, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gibson, of Childrey, Oxfordshire. House, Covent Garden.
The Dowager Viscountess
Hambleden was in attendance.

Captain M. G. Cowley, RA (Reid) and Miss J. M. Parkin The engagement is announced between Michael Grenville, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. S. younger son of Mr and Mrs G. S. Cowley, of 9 Huntley Road, Talbot Woods, Bousnamouth, Dorset, and Janet Margaret, elder daughter of the late Mr R. A. Parkin and of Mrs M. R. Parkin, of 11 Andrew Court, Wickham Road, Beckenham, Kent.

Mr D. J. Edmonds and Miss J. K. V. Crocker The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Lacotenant-Commander and Mrs J. H. Edmonds, of Rossall School, Fleetwood, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. G. Crocker, of Woodlands Cottage, Promandle de Vaccim Bedes Promenade de Verdun, Purley.

and Miss E. L. MacGregor and Miss R. L. MacGregor
The engagement is announced between Theodore, son of the late Major Alister Fernell and Mrs Verity Fernell, of Easingwold, Vorkshine, and Lonise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alasdair MacGregor, of Tregaer, Mosmouthshire.

and Miss S. C. Norman
The engagement is announced
between Graham, son of Mr and
Mis N. T. Logan, of American,
Buckinghamshire, and Suzanne,
second daughter of Mr B. G.
Norman and Mrs Y. Norman, of
Carrest Hertfordshire.

Right Rev A. C. Maclimes
A memorial service for the Right
Rev A. C. Maclimes was held in
Salisbury Cathedral yesterday. The
Bishop of Salisbury officiated,
assisted by the Archdeacon of
Sarum. The Dean of Salisbury
read the lesson, and the Bishop of
Bath and Wells gave an address.

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Latest wills

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, Marktime Trust, attends reception on board Cutty Sark to mark 25th anniversary Cutty Sark Society, 12.10; attends dinner of Younger Brefuren at Trinity House, 6.45.

The Prince of Wales, President, visits Royal Bath and West Show, 10.30. Princess Anne opens new civic centre, Kensington and Cheisea,

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits St. Jude's Church of Eng-land Middle School, Englefield Green, Surrey, for 150th anniversary 3.

Princess Margaret takes salute at beating of retreat by bands of Household Division of Horse Guards, in aid of Army Benevo-tent Fund, 6. Princess Alexandra President

Thices Alexandra, President, Royal Humane Society, attends annual general court at Merchant Taylors' Hall. 2.55; attends World Wildlife Fund reception at Hilton hotel, 7.30. t Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall, Makohn Williamson, Master of the Queen's Music, Listening to Music, 1.15. St Mary-le-Bow: dialogue, Tom Stoppard, playwight, with the rector, 1.65.

25 years ago

Marriage

Mr R. B. Gallant
and Miss E. J. Waley-Cohen
The marriage took place in
London yesterday between Mr Brad
Gallant, son of Mr and Mrs
Edward Gallant, of Stony Creek,
Branford, Competitut, United
States, and Miss Joanna Waley-Cohen, younger daughter of Sir Bernard and the Hon Lady Waley-Cohen, of Honeymead, Simons-bath, Minehead, Somerset. A reception was held at Cloth-workers' Hall.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev M. Dykes, cursts of Howden, discuss of York, to be Vicar of Eckidaleside (or Sleights) with Ugglekamby, same thouse, of Edwards, same thouse of Southwards, so be Vicar of The Good States of Mandaworth, discuss of Southwards, so be Vicar of The Good States of Mandaworth, discuss of Mandaworth, discuss of Mandaworth, Berbe Bay, same discuss.
The Rev P. Kelly, Vicar of Ottarshaw, discuss of Callisteny, to be carnet of Carles Church, Herbe Bay, same discuss.
The Rev P. Kelly, Vicar of Ottarshaw, discuss of Cullidiord, to be Rector of St Glier's, Exhertam, discuss of London.
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The Rev J. D. Watersireet, Rector of Statian's Reval Dean of Coleshill, discusse of Ethinghum, to be Vicar of St Meyrs, Seity Ok, same discusse. From The Times of Friday, May 30, 1957 From The Times of Friday, May 36, 1952

From Our Own Correspondent
Berlin, May 29.—Mr Eden today gave the people of Berlin the heartening assurance that their city would again take its place as the capital of a united Germany in a Europe at peace. His firm statement to a special session of the west Berlin Senate contained no direct reference to the increasingly ominons moves of the east German Government, but to judge by the uarmth of its reception it was the sort of language that Berliners wished to hear. Their hopes and fears were accurately interpreted by Mr Eden's assurance that in all the recent arrangements for European defence the people of Berlin had not been forgotten. The compole which the allied kommandatura were obliged to exercise in the city would be reduced to an absolute minimum; and he repeated the declaration of the three western powers in Paris that the security and welfare of Berlin were essential elements in the peace of the free world. They undertook to maintain armed forces in the city as long as necessary and reaffirmed that any attack on Berlin from any quarter would be treated as an artack upon their forces and upon themselves. of Sheldon and Rural Dean of Coleshill, diocase of Birminghum, to be
Vicar of St Mery's, Selly Oak, same
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the Caron J. Wester, to the Caron J.

The Rev A. G. R. Wilson, Vicar of
St. Mainhias's. Preston. Brighton,
diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar of
St. Clement's. Braddird.

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St. Clement's. Braddird.

The Rev J. B. Wellor, Landow,
to be Vicar of Grant Oakle, Hadow,
to be Warden of the Durney Parish/
Emo College Protect.

The Rev J. Hawkins, curate of St
Stephen's, Esting, diocese of London,
to be Warden of the Durney Parish/
Emo College Protect.

The Rev S. Thile, social responshilling worker. Milmon Keynes, to be
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The Rev S. Thile, Social Rector of
Burnhicher with Newtown, diocese of
Winchester, on Seviember 30.

The Rev J. A. Craig, Rector of
Burnhicher with Newtown, diocese of
Winchester on Seviember 30.

The Rev S. P. Wight, Vicar of Est
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The Rev J. A. Craig, Rector of
Southwell, on July 31.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:
Mr G. E. Gammie as a deputy secretary in the Treasury Solicitor's
Department from June 1.

#### Science report

## Glass: New dating technique

The thickness of the hydration layer has been used for several years to date ancient arrowheads of the Department of at Yale University.

In a recent issue of how as glass ages it takes or from the atmosphere, a hydrated layer on the The thickness of that all be measured by very a techniques that do not he glass and Dr Landon has applied the techniques that do not the glass of known age he has nique of puclear resonance, in glass of known age he has nique of puclear resonance, in 1975; 1977.

flass of known age he has nique of nuclear resonance, in that one can easily dis-which the depth of the hydration objects made at different layer is measured by bumbarding the mineteemh and twen the glass with active hitrogen nurse, although as yet it aroms that react with the hydro-

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sible on very ancient, badly corroded glass surfaces.

By Nature-Times News Service.

Source: Science, May 27 (196, 975; 1977). (C) Nature-Times News Service,



Mr Anthony Green, RA, of Highgate, London, with his painting "1958/Hall of Mirrors" and the £1.000 cheque it won for him at the Royal Academy yesterday as the public's choice for Exhibit of the Year.

#### Archaeology report

#### Samsat: Outpost of the Roman Empire The second dam, to be built at

At least one of the three legionary fortresses that, like York and Chester in the north, guarded the Roman Empire's frontiers in the east, may be submerced when Tennest of Aschaelant. east, may be submerged when Tur-key builds three more dams on the Euphrates within the next decade. It stands near Samsat, the encient Samosata, which was an

importantant Roman outpost on the right bank of the river, set up for the defence against the Parth-ians and the Persians. The fort, which could accommodate about six thousand Roman soldiers, stands on a mound 45m high and 450m by 300m at its base. The site to be flooded when the dam is built at Karababa is about

dam is built at Karababa is about 445 acres. It is known to contain memplored antiquities from the early prehistoric to Byzantine, including some Urarrian rock inscriptions. Archaeologists regard Samosata as an extraordinary meeting place for diverse cultures in the Middle East.

Under present plans the dam will not be completed before 1986, so there is time to explore the area

Silver sale: This ewer made in

1632 by Christian van Vianen, who became court silversmith

to Charles I, is to be sold with

its companion basin at Sotheby's

on Thursday. They are ex-

pected to fetch more than

service meets

By Our Religious Affairs

Correspondent

were not sought.

wide acceptance

A survey of parishes using the new Church of England Holy Communion service has disclosed a high degree of satisfaction with it. But there were complaints that it is too long

and tries to say too much.

amendments intended to simplify the service and to

remove any awkwardness that

might have appeared in regular

One repeated crincism was

that the service has less awe and grandeur than the Prayer

Book service, and that its style

is at some points too flowery,

and at some points pedestrian. The new form of the Lord's

Prayer also attracted criticism

The revised service will form

New Communion tray and

£100,000.

of Archaeology, said a joint com-mittee of engineers and archaeolo-gists was set up at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara to consider the difficulties involved and determine what should be sal-

vaged and how.
The first dam on the Euphrates
was built at Keban, north-east of
Malatya, and between 1968 and 1973 several foreign archaeological institutes in Turkey joined forces with Turkish archaeologists to mount an emergency rescue opera-

tion in the valley that was later non in the valley that was later flooded.

During that operation British archaeologists identified a Roman stronghold at Pagnik, once occupied by more than a thousand auxiliaries.

The Romans were known to have established only three legionary fortresses along the Euphrates, the Empire's eastermost border: one near Erzincan in the north, one near Malatya, and the one at Sam-

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

Rich trifles were on offer at Sotheby's yesterday and selling like hot cakes in the aftermath of Menumore: buyers were apparently still thinking big. A small zarl, or cup, decorated with swirling diamond foliage against a ground of step-cut rubies, set in gold, made £17,500 (estimate £7,000 to £15,000). Shaped like an egg cup. a zarl is a comainer for a small handleless coffee cup and used for the beverage in Turkey and the Middle East

These richly ornamented examples were mainly made in Switzerland for the Middle East market; it probably dates from the mid-nineteenth century. Another, of more restrained design, with diamonds against step-cut emeralds, failed to find a buyer at auction but was sold im-

sign, with diamonas against stepcut emeralds, failed to find a
buyer at auction but was sold immedianely afterwards for £8,000
(estimate £7,000 to £15,000).

A Swiss gold, enamel and diamond sucrier in similar taste, 5
inches high and dating from about
1840, made £10,000 (estimate
£6,000 to 9,000) to Koopman.

The most direct influence of
Mentinore was seen in the prices
for piqué work, tortoiseshell inlaid with gold, silver and motherof-pearl. A new much higher
level of prices has clearly been
established, even for damaged
examples. A 141in Neapolitan
tray, decorated with groups of
shepherds near ruined towers, was
sold for £1,250 (estimate £150 to

sold for £1,250 (estimate £150 to £200) in spite of damage. A 10½ in tray with curious stylized frees and houses encircling an ohelisk.

and houses encircling an ohelisk, slightly damaged, made £1.300 (estimate £80 to £120).

Prices for the best pieces were also high but less nnexpected: a late-eighteenth-century Neapolitan inkstand made £5,000 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) (a very similar inkstand made £2,500 at Mentmore last week). A 13-piece toilet set of about 1730 also made £5,000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

Gold boxes made prices appro-

Rich trifles were on offer at

**Prices for trifles show** 

effects of Mentmore

ing to some experts, may contain

the second legionary fortress.

Archaeologists had assumed that the second site, founded and occupied by the Twelfth Legion, should lie under the ruins of Justinian's later fortifications of Melitene, the ancient Malatya. 10 miles to the east That site will not be drowned However, some archaeologists have detected one or two clues indicating a possibility that the Roman fortress lies farther down

the valley and may be lost. Further exploration is necessary to confirm that theory.

The foundation stone for the Karakaya dam, which will rise 50 miles east of Malatya, was laid last October. The present plan is to begin flooding by 1980 and that sets an early deadline for official decisions on the archaeological res-By Mario Modiano.

C: Times Newspapers Ltd., 1977.

French four-colour gold snuff box, with the marks of J.-B. Founche and 1776, went for 55.400 (estimate £2,000 to 53,000).

(estimate £2,000 to £3,000).
Fine Swiss boxes also were making very high prices. A four-colour gold snuff box of about 1825, inset with a plaque depicting a skirmish between infidels; and defenders of the faith, made £3,400 (estimate £1,000 to £1,300).

Is loave the inscription: "The

At Christic's a sale of English pottery and Wedgwood made 139,118, with 16 per cent unsold: the more important items found buyers but some of the minor lots proved difficult to sell. An extrement of the minor lots proved difficult to sell.

ely rare Lambeth Delft portrait tunkard, with some chips, made £2,400 (estimate £800 to £1,200). Christie's also held a sale of

#### **OBITUARY**

#### SIR ARNOLD MUSTO Creator of Sukkur Barrage

Sir Arnold Musto, CIE, who designed and constructed the

Sukkur Barrage in Pakistan, one of the great irrigation works of our time, died on May 29 aged Albert Arnold Musto was

born on October 4, 1883, and trained at Birkbeck College. University of London. His first engineering experience was in 1905 on the construction of the Rotherbithe Tunnel. Soon after he qualified for the Indian Public Works Department. He was appointed mechanical

and agricultural engineer to the Bombay Government. His first task in irrigation was that of constructing in the Poona area a canal system which was opened during the Governorship of Sir George (afterwards Lord)
Lloyd, and was named after
him. Musto was also executive
engineer in 1914-15 of the
Nasrat canal area. He joined

he Indian Army Reserve of Officers and served in Mesopotamia in the latter half of the First World War.

On returning to India he was posted to Sind, and for a time was in an honorary capacity Controller of Munitions at Karachi. Early in his service he had been brought into contact. had been brought into contact with the problem of adequately utilizing the waters of the Indus for agricultural production in the desert regions of Sind. The question had been under discussion since the fifties of the last century, and many alternative plans had been considered.

Musto served on a committee on the subject in 1907-9, and on a commission in the early days of the war. The driving power of a Governor of the calibre of Lloyd was needed to translate paper projects into reality. The decision early in his time to erect a great barrier below and not above the Sukkur

Gorge was challenged by some of the old investigators, and expressions of misgiving con tinued for a time after the work was completed.

In 1921 Musto was made executive engineer of the great work, later becoming supern-tending engineer. In coopera-tion with Sir Charlton Harrison he laboured for nine years on the vast undertaking During the earlier period of construction there were auxious hours when the Indus was in seasonal flood as to whether some part of the work might be seriously damaged or swept away. In those times of anxiety Musto's confidence never wavered, and his cool judgment was an important factor in the ultimate success of the project. On completion the Barrage stretched across the Indus for more than a mile and fed seven main canals—one of them wider and much longer than the Suez Canal. The irrigated area was of approximately six million

Musso repired from India in 1934. In 1939 he was chairman of a Planning and Housing Com-mission sent to Trimidad and which did good service not which did good service not only in slum clearing and re-housing, but also in planning irrigation schemes. When he returned to this country he was appointed Regional Transport appointed Regional Transport Commissioner for the Midland area. In 1946 he was transferred to the South-East Region in the same capacity and served therein until 1953. He was a likeable man and got on well with those about him in both these regions as he had done in his Indian service.

He married in 1922, Margaret. second daughter of W. J. McCausland. A son and four daughters were born to them. His wife died in 1965.

#### PROFESSOR JAC L. WILLIAMS

Professor Jac L. Williams, a 1956, when he went to the leading Welsh educationalist and a thoughtful, provocative and often-quoted participant in the came into prominence as the debate on the Welsh language, thied after collapsing on a train at Newport, Gwent, on May 26. He was 58.

Through his many publications, lectures and contributions to conferences at home and abroad he had won recognition as a leading expert on bi-lingualism, nursery education and teacher training. His abili-ties as teacher and organizer and his interest in students had made him a highly regarded Dean of the Faculty of Education, and latterly Vice-Principal, of the University College of

Wales, at Aberystwyth.

A native of Cardiganshire.
Professor Williams graduated from University College,
Aberystwyth, with first class honours in Welsh, and earned a doctorate for his study of a Welsh speaking country com-

He came into prominence as the discussion about the place of the Welsh language in education, broadcastica and the gen-eral life of the people. The supportive measures he advocated 20 or so years ago were then regarded by many as impractical and even extremist, but subsequently

In the continuing debate on the place of the Welsh language the strength but for the manner of his support. It was a manner that reflected his personal qualities and his deeply held Christian beliefs. Despite the social and economic forces working against it, he did not despair of the future of the language. He was at the same time a stern critic of some of munity. He was senior lecturer the campaigners' aims. He in Welsh and Bilingual Educabrought to many arguments a tion at Trinity College, Carstrong and cool voice. He leaves marthen, for 11 years until a widow and two children.

#### SIR BARTLE EDWARDS

Colonel Sir Bartle Edwards Tellel-Kebir in 1882 landow CVO, MC, of Hardingham Hall, Norfolk, Vice-Lieutenant of the county since 1958, High Sheriff in 1946-47 and a Deputy Lieu-tenant from 1932, died on May 28 at the age of 86. oriate to the smart Continental reserved these days. A gold and enamel saulf box, probably commissioned by Napoleon I for presentation, was sold for £5,600 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). A Franch four-colour gold saulf

He gave many years of public service to the county. marked by quiet zeal, tact and shrewd judgment and sup-ported always by his love of Norfolk and its people. He was rwice mentioned in use was for over 50 years (1922-1974) a member of the county and its chairman from and Suffolk Yeomanry Artiller brigade from 1931 to 1935 and served in HM Hon Corps diate predecessors, Sir Henry diate predecessors, Sir Henry of Gentlemen at Arms from Upcher, of whom some said he 1938 to 1961. From 1956 to knew every farm in the county 1961 he was standard bearer. and others every field on every

23,400 (estimate \$1.000 to £1.500). It bears the inscription: "The gift of Ellen Turner to Thomas Grimsditch Esqr. as a token of gratitude for having by his Promptitude. Zeal and Ability rescued her from a Conspiracy Unexampled for Arrocity in the Annals of History". The sale totalled £211.135, with 3 per cent unsold (excluding the 201). Softheby's also held a book sale totalling £26,348, with one per cent unsold.

At Christic's a sale of English Bartle Mordaunt Marsham sons, of whom the eldest was Edwards was the son of Major killed in action in Tunisia in Mordaunt Edwards who won a 1943 serving with his father's Victoria Cross at the Battle of old regiment, and one daughter.

party from the Highland Light Infantry to storm a redoubt.

Colonel Edwards was educated at Eton and RMC Sandhurst and joined the Rifle Brigade in 1910 serving with his regiment and on the General Stati during the First World War. He was awarded a Military Cross, the Italian Silver Medal for Valour and

He married in 1921 Daphne. farm, and Russell James daughter of Sir Cyril Kendall Colman. Butler, KBE. They had three

#### LORD NORRIE

J. S. writes: Willoughby Norrie was a man who achieved greatness, his high office a strong sense yer always retained the com- of duty, unswerving loyalty to 22,400 (estimate rator to 11,200).
Christie's also held a sale of Japanese swords and fittings totalling 524,488, with 25 per cent unsuld.
Sale of prints: In a prim sale at Philleps's, Norman Mears paid 51,250 for a woodeur, a pertrait of Otto Heinrich by Michael Ostendorfer, and five other prints (estimate 5800). The sale totalled 510,145, with 6 per cent unsold. A sale of watercolours totalled 511,348, with 5 per cent unsold. In a sale of furniture that realized 524,516, with 4 per cent unsold, Feldman paid 5800 for a mahogany bookcase in the Georgian style (estimate 5600).

held, in a most remarkable way, the affections of all the people in all parts of that vast state. He travelled many thousands of miles, often in primitive conditions, to meet the country people, and when this famous cavalry officer was bucked off his camel in the far "outback" his popularity knew no bounds. ally en As governor of the most lands.

mon touch: never pompous, the Sovereign, and the strength never patronizing. His time as of a devoted family life. He Governor of South Australia treated his staff, whether high and Governor-General of New or low, with great consideration Zealand represented a high peak of British prestige in that part of the southern hemisphere.

He was always individual in his methods and during his vears in South Australia he hald in methods are somewhat the south and the south australia he hald in method of their lives to the south australia he hald in methods and during his line of Englishmen who have given much of their lives to given much of their lives to strengthening the links that

English in character of the Australian states he brought to

Zealand. In these egalitarian days, we should recall with gratitude the goodwill and affection for the home country that he personally engendered in those distant

bind us to our Commonwealth

brothers in Australia and New

MR GODDARD **LIEBERSON** 

Mr Goddard Lieberson, who was instrumental in the commercial establishment of the Long Playing record died on May 29 at the age of 66. Lieberson, who was born in England in 1911, went to America with his family as a child. For several years he taught and composed music before joining Columbia Records. He became President of Columbia in 1956. It was his record of My Fair Lady which showed the LP's potential. When the show's management was looking for a backer. Lieberson persuaded CBS to put up a quarter of a million dollars. The LP record of the show subsequently sold over 25 million copies.

Major Francis Reginald Beaman Whitehouse, CBE, sometime director British Industries Fair (London) and chairman of Chad Valley Co,

Mr Holroyd Ferris Chambers. CVO, who died on May 24 at the uge of 75, was Land Steward, Ducby of Cornwall (Manor of Kennington) from 1930 to 1962. From 1935 to 1967 he was Surveyor to the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851.

George Ponsonby, KCVO, sometime Comptroller of the Household to Queen Maud of Norway. died on May 15. She was Elisa. daughter of Captain H. A. Broch. and she married Sir George Ponsonby as his second wife in 1921. He died in 1969.

Lady Ponsonby, widow of Sir

Lady Roberts, widow of Sir William Roberts, CIE, Professor of Agriculture Lyallpur 1909-21 and Principal 1916-21, died on May 29. She was E. M. (Nellie) Jones, of Liangefm.

#### The survey into parish atti-tudes to Series III, as the new sturgy is called, shows that almost nine out of 10 of the clergy and laypeople questioned were satisfied, but comments of " an affront to Jesus " that the church had to rely on such events From Our Correspondent Edinburgh parishes not using Series III The Church of Scotland yesterday reaffirmed total opposition to all forms of gambling, including Premium Bonds and raftles. The decision was taken by 279 votes In the light of detailed critic-isms revealed by the survey the liturgical commission of the general synod is to put forward

ruled out by the Kirk

Guessing a cake's weight

The Kirk's General Assembly,

meeting in Edinburgh, approved the verdict of its social responsibility committee, that while acknowledging man's need for adventure, so clearly present in the gambling urge, Christianity at its highest and best gave satisfying expression to that urge.

The assembly approved an addi-The assembly approved an addition by the Rev J. L. Weatherhead, of Montrose, to exhort members of the church to abstain from all forms of gambling. It was explained that that meant Premium Bonds and raffles or other competitions such as guessing the weight of a cake or how many degrees peas were in a jar.

One minister described it as defeated.

to raise money.

The Rev E. Simpson, or Grange-mouth, moved that the church. mouth, moved that the church had no objection to money for charitable funds being raised by raffles and similar means. He said he had been a part-time member of the RNLI. They and other charitable bodies would have been yeary much worse off it they had not raised money through raffles.

raffles.
"If we approve of raifles. people are not going to rush off to racecourses and casinus tomor-row". he said. "It is a far cry from the men who place their families at risk by gambling."

He said some "exalted persons" not only backed racehorses but owned and bred them.

The Rev J. M. Nimmo, of Dundet, said he had been given some Premium Bonds. There were

Premium Bonds. There degrees of gambling.
Mr Simpson's monon was

- Property and the second

the backbone of the new service book which the church hopes to publish in 1980.

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Ltd. Birmingham, died on May 28 at the age of 90.

Anglesey, and she was married in 1919. Her husband died in 1971.

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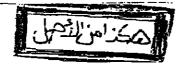
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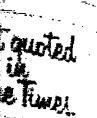
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te Bank Nederland in the United Arab Emirates. sion, but the move reflects a

growing desire in rich Arab oil growing desire in fact Arab of countries to gain more control over their wealth.

Riyadh officials said last week that negotiations were complete for a 100 per cent takeover of the Arabian-American Oil Company, which accounts for all but a fraction of the counts for all but a fraction of

the country's 9.4 million-barrelsa-day production. Aramco now is owned 60 per cent by the Saudi Government nent in reporting and 40 per cent by a consortium in the ownership of comprising Standard Oil of Calinque de l'Indochine's fornia, Exxon, Mobil and inches in Saudi Arabia, Texaco.—AP-Dow Jones. Mr Vance accepts partnership in fund to regulate and expand commodities trade

## Rich nations put stress on energy agreement



Mr Cyrus Vance, United States Secretary of State: commodity fund pledge.

Negotiations in Paris between ministers from 27 of the world's rich and poor nations appeared to be running into difficulties last night.

The 19 representatives of the developing countries met until late in the appearance of the developing countries met until late in the countries of the developing countries met until late in the countries of decide hours to respond to evening to decide how to respond to concessions made by the rich northern states on the first day of the three-day ministerial session which will formally bring to a close the 18-month Con-ference on International Economic Cooperation.

The eight representatives of the

industrial world have now made it clear that they are determined to force through an agreement before the con-ference closes on Wednesday for some form of continuing consultations on energy questions.

This was made clear in a speech delivered by Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary. He told delegates from the other nations gathered here that the rich participating nations were looking for a "consultative framework

The European Economic Community on whose behalf Dr Owen was speak-ng—believes that it will be essential, and in the interests of consumers and producers of energy alike, that should reach agreement on this matter, the Foreign Secretary said. However, with only one exception, ministers from the developing countries chose not to speak as intended. Instead, they met privately in an attempt to settle their own differences, before adopting a conference strategy. They have to decide whether to accept the proposals for extra aid from

the rich nations and promises of help in dealing with trade and debt problems, or risk provoking a fresh crisis in relations with the industrialized

What they have been offered is an extra \$1,000m (about £580m) immediately, with more money in the pipeline. They have also been told that the rich nations now formally endorse a so-called Common Fund to regulate trade in commodities.

Until now, only the Europeaun Community was totally committed to such a fund. But today, Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State, said in a set-piece speech: "We have agreed on the need for common action to moderate fluctuations in action to moderate fluctuations in commodity prices, supply and earnings." He said that America would work

with other nations to establish agreements between producers and consumers to stabilizes the prices of individual commodities, wherever the nature of the commodity and the market persists. ket permits '. The aim would be to create a com-

mon fund that was efficient and provided enough investment to develop new suplies of primary products adequate to meet the neds of an expanding

world economy, Mr Vance said.

This endorsement of action to support commodity prices is of considerable significance. Only a year ago, the Americans were opposed on ideological grounds to any notion of intervention on the world commodity vention on the world commodity markets. The rich countries also now seem prepared to accept some regular increase in raw material prices to take

In his speech, Mr Vance declared himself in favour of a "new international economic system". In that system there must be equity. There must be growth. But, above all, there must be justice". His phrasing was remarkably reminiscent of the Third World's call for a "new international economic extent." economic order

Touching only oriefly on the question of burnan rights for recipients of human rights for recipients of American aid, Mr Vance invited the richer communist countries to join with the capitalist nations of the West in helping the developing countries to overcome their development problems. He committed the United States to paying \$375m as its stare of the \$1,000m the rich countries are now offering the Thard World.

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Dr Owen echoed many of these sentiments. The problem of the world's poor countries could not be solved without the active and whole-hearted participation of the wealthier countries, but he insisted that the unsolved topics would be pursued in other forums. However, it is far from clear whether the conference will be continued elsewhere

or its work simply devolved on other existing international agencies. The Americans hinted strongly that they would not be unhappy if the con-ference was resurrected. This was seen by some developing countries as another method of trying to keep talks going on energy.

Recognizing the desire of the indus-trialized nations for further energy talks, the Third World seems deter-mined to force as much mileage as possible out of any concession that they might be forced to make

## When is an insurance broker not a broker?

(Registration) Bill is not Parliament emerges on to the statute book around the end of July this year, there will be two answers to the question: when is an insurance broker not an

When he fails to match up to standards of conduct and to standards of conduct and competence set and agreed among the brokers' own associations say the Bill's supporters. When the brokers' associations say that he does not match up to these standards, critics of the Bill argue.

It is a fine point, but a critical one, as it strikes at the heart of the self-regulatory system which the brokers' associations see as a nationally recognized code of conduct for an increasingly important, but until now virtually uncontrolled

Mr Stanley Clinton Davies, the Minister of Trade, meets Mr Francis Perkins, chairman of he British Insurance Brokers Association today to consider these recent criticisms of the

Opposition to the Bill in its current form centres on the proposal that a Registration Council, made up from within the broking industry with representatives of the accountancy and legal professions, will have the power to register or de-register brokers. Those not on the register will no longer be able to call themselves Insurance Brokers. selves Insurance Brokers.

The fear that this Registrapowers to blackball applicants without giving reasons for their decision has merged with the frequently expressed fears of smaller brokers that the council will be dominated by their larger compeniors. their larger competitors.

" It is nonsense to think that someone could wake up one morning and find his reputa-tion and livelihood taken away", counters Mr Alan Teale, secretary of BIBA.

He points out that in its current form the Bill, which has been heavily amended to take account of points raised over the past year by both repre-sentatives bodies and individ ual insurance brokers and which was constructed with the precedent created by other self-regulatory legislation in mind, has full provision for appeal to the High Court against the decisions of the Registration Council.

Mr Perkins comments that "the option to go to the High Court gives people in danger of being turned down a power-ful weapon". No one on the council, he believes, would decide against a registration applicant lightly when he knew that "he could be hauled up in front of the High Court to explain his decision". As for the idea that applicants could be refused and left to guess why, Mr Perkins makes the point that the provision for a High Court appeal by those who feel unjustly treated inevthe reasons for a refusal. "No court could deal with an appeal unless it knew the facts behind the Registration Coun-

## Safeguards in price code seen as inadequate by CBI and retailers By Ronald Emler

Industry and commerce are would apply during and after disnayed at the "inadequacy" a Price Commission special of the proposed safeguard investigation.

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Code after August.

A confidential memorandum from Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, outlining minimum levels of profitability, will be discussed at meetings he is holding today with the Confederation of British Industry and the Retail Consortium.

Both bodies will tell him that Both bodies will tell him that his proposals fall far short of their expectations and that they can only harm industrial confi-

It is expected that a consultative document will be pub-lished within a formight after exploratory discussions with representatives of commerce

Minister.

He also urged swift steps to However, the Government's carry out the transformation of plan at present is to introduce the rest of the foreign banks a minimum margin of 3 per

an interim increase to ensure a price yielding at least 80 per cent of the margin over total costs obtained at the date of the last increase before May 31, 1977, known in the memo-randum as the "base margin". Also, if during an investigareported margin is below 3 per cent of turnover the product safeguard will be raised to 100 per cent of the base margin.

After an investigation the safeguard falls to 50 per cent of the base margin; but any price increase allowed during the investigation as the result of profitability sinking below 80 per cent of the base margin will not be rescinded.

2 per cent of turnover. Those in the retail sector whose margins fall below 80 per cent of those in the last reported year would also be protected from the effects of a Price

Commission recommendation.
It is being said in industrial circles that Mr Hattersley, having been urged to move away from the rigidity of the present code, has gone to the other pole, giving no guidance whatsoever on what the Government regards as a proper and permissible level of profitability.

The CBI will press him strongly for guidance to be incorporated in the final documents of the control of the con

ment on what criteria will be used to trigger a price commis-

the Retail Consortium, whose director, Mr Richard Wier, said yesterday that there still appeared to be "a huge gap" between the Government and industry on when leads we have the leads we have the construction of the constructi industry on what levels were

## **Opec considers plan to** narrow oil price gap

By Our Industrial

Correspondent
Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are assessing a compromise price plan which if approved will involve a price freeze for the rest of this year and narrow the gap between those countries which decided in December last year to lift prices by 10 per cent, and Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, which

raised prices by only 5 per cent.
Under the original plan, the
price "hawks", including Iran,
which increased prices by the higher figure were to lift prices by a further 5 per cent in July. But the compromise plan is being complicated by negotiations involving the three prin-cipal African members of Opec

-Nigeria, Libya and Algeria. According to the authorita-tive Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, the plan involves a price freeze for the rest of the year by the "upper tier" Opec members led by the Gulf States, Profits levy urged, page 20 taking " by the Saudis and the December.

increase in their prices by the end of this year. The three major African pro-

ducers are under growing pres-sure to resolve price disparities between themselves. They will for the third quarter of this year with producing companies and direct sales companies. According to PIW, the three African producers support the upper-tier market price of \$12.70 a barrel, but each has set its own premiums for quality and freight.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have reported an oil production increase in April. Iran, the other major producer of the Gulf, reported another sharp drop.

Figures released by the National Iranian Oil Company showed that production fell by roughly \$50,000 barrels a day in April to 5,413,733. Iranian production has been falling since the two-tier price in return for a "tacit under- dispute broke out in Opec last

## He also urged swift steps to gractices of the rest of the foreign banks in the neighbours to domestic control within a last week because of last week because of the date of this decision. There was no concrete indicating the United Arab Emirates in the United Strictly in the transformation of plan at present is to introduce that distributors will not be subject to restrictions during an investigation and that after wards they will be allowed a Product of Strictly in the United Arab Emirates in the United Arab Emirates in the United Arab Emirates in the United Strictly in the United Str British Gas could gain \$30m in American deal to use its technology

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent
Technology developed in
Britain for making synthetic
natural gas from coal is being
used for the first American
energy project funded jointly
by the United States Government and private enterprise.
The United States Energy
Research and Development
Administration (ERDA) has awarded a \$24m (about £14m)

the British Gas Corporation at States companies led by Conoco, about \$30m in royalties over the Westfield gas development has undertaken two procentre in Fife, Scotland. grammes at Westfield to develop Britain had ample the ERDA approves the lop and improve the German supplies of natural gas, Mr If ERDA approves the design, which should be ready by next August, a \$250m demonstration plant funded jointly by ERDA and private companies will be constructed in eastern Ohio, using local reserves of low grade coal. The plant will use 3,800 tons of coal said the corporation would read a day to produce 60 million review about 5300 000 from the

a day to produce 60 million cubic feer a day of synthetic contract to Conoco coal deve-lopment company, a subsidiary natural gas—enough to supply of Continental Oil, to design a community of 100,000 people. a coal gasification system, British Gas, in partnership using technology developed by with a group of 15 United

said the corporation would receive about £300,000 from the initial contract, which would make use of the Westfield plant. make use of the Westfield plant. House of Representatives gasification development if the Americans decided to science and technology comadopt the technology on a large mittee, which is responsible for commercial plant in Europeale, the corporation might net ERDA. Mr Dale Milford, chairstill making gas from coal.

Scharman said it was important that British Gas retained an interest in developing the technology for coal gasification in preparation for the time when gas supplies from the North Sea began to run out.

The Westfield facilities were visited yesterday by a delega-tion from the United States

brought a suit against Signor Sergio Demieville, former direc-

tor of Crédit Suisse. The suit, Signor Bozzo told a

news conference, is based on his allegation that Signor Demicville failed to support Molini Certosa as the Swiss

official said he would when the Swiss bank took final control of the food-processing concern last September.

Molini Certosa is believed by

investigators in Lugano, Switz-

erland, to be one of the major

losses suffered by Credit Suisse in a scandal which in-volves the bank's admission that

(about £600m) were misdirected by officials at the bank's branch in Chiasso. When Signor Bozzo took over

in brief

United States had over 200 cation of coal on a large scale could make sense, Britain's acknowledged lead

in gasification technology stems from the research programme undertaken in the 1950s and 1960s in the days before the advent of natural gas from the North Sea. Westfield was chosen as the centre for coal 1973 as it was then the only commercial plant in Europe

John Brennan

#### w director for Peachey

William Harris, senior of Redgwell & Harris, airman of the Kenwood of Peachey Property

Fraud Squad and the

ting the affairs of y, of which Sir Eric knighted in Sir Harold 's controversial Honours tive emoved from the board. William said last night eachey appeared to be

weathered the storm of the property world, not so much because of the expertise of the late chairman, which I think has been rather overrated, but because of its residential pro-perry, he commented.

He favoured the appointment ment of Trade are in of a banker as a director to give additional expertise to the board, as well as the appointment of a full-time chief execu-William added that Sir

Peachey had suffered for some time from absence control. Interviews are being held for a sound and viable but directions are being deid to pruning and needs firm prospective chief executive-This company has Business appointments, page 22 Sir William Harris

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THE POUND

## **Sunderland Shipbuilders**

Andrew Weir and Company and will be operated by the group's subsidiary, Bank Line; they will give the Government cause for satisfaction.

Kingdom yards. Although there was no official comment from Whitehall last night, the orders will almost certainly have attracted aid from the Government's shipbuilding intervention fund-designed to narrow the price gap between British and foreign prices—and up to £5 million from the fund could be in-

Chrysler UK will not ask for

more government assistance to

help to offset problems at its

for another serious financial

loss this year. A £300,000 profit

By Chiford Webb

ever has still to give its formal blessing to the scheme and although funds have been allocated on several contracts confirmation of commission appro-val is still awaited. Bank Line has been a longstanding customer of the com-

pany—nationalized in the wake of the Court Line coHapse—and the latest batch of orders brings the total number ordered by the company from Sunderland and its predecessor companies to 60. The new orders are repeats of two 18,350 tonnes deadweight cargo liners commissioned by the company a year ago. Three will be built at the company's E11m Pallion yard on the Wear and three at Sunderland's near

by Deptford yard.

Mr James Gilfillan, chairman
of Sunderland Shipbuilders,
which on July 1 will be vested
in British Shipbuilders, the new
State shipbuilding organization. said yesterday that the order would give every employee in the group the greates: possible satisfaction and provide a boost to morale at a time when the United Kingdom industry was fighting hard to survive the worst slump which the industry had ever experienced.

the majority shareholding in Molini Certosa in 1969, he confirmed, a 48 per cent share remained abroad, first in the hands of Banque de Paris et de Pays Bas, then of Crédit Suisse. Heaton rebuff to GEC

Terms offered by Sir Arnold Weinstock, head of GEC, for a restructuring of the turbo-generator industry "are not acceptable to us", a spokesman for the corporate union com-mittee at the C. A. Parsons factory at Heaton, Newcastle, said

esterday. This followed Sir Arnold's: statement that in the event of merger not all of the expected 6,000 redundancies expected would fall on the Parsons work-

Legal & General deal Legal & General Assurance (Pensions Management) has petrol and diesel of acquired seven newly contracted office blocks in the for the six millio Midlands from W. A. Black-year capacity plant.

Crédit Suisse director sued Milan, May 30.—Signor Ferdinando Bozzo, former president of Molini Certosa SpA, has brought a suit against Signor vears. Total lettable floor area

Price order revoked

A price restriction order issued in March against Les-bourne Garages, of Reigate, Surrey, has been revoked by the Price Commission. The order has been rescinded after the receipt of further information from the company.

Alcan to build \$200m smelter in Quebec Alcan Aluminium is to build

a \$200m smelter at a new plant site at La Baie, 20 miles from the company's existing works at Ionquière, in the Saguenay region of Quebec. The plant will have an initial capacity of 63,000 rons per year. Completion of the project is scheduled for 1981 and preliminary work for 1981 and preliminary work will start soon.

E Europe pledges on glass import prices

The Department of Trade has received satisfactory undertakngs from Russia, Romania and Poland as to future price levels on imports of glass used in horticulture, and is taking no anti-dumping action against importers. It has investigated prices following complaints from Pilkington Brothers.

Canvey refinery bid

Occidental Petroleum wants to modify its Canvey Island refinery project to install units which will produce more valuable products from the lighter end of the oil barrel, netably petrol and diesel oil. It already has outline planning permission for the six million tonnes a



Furniture Development Council, said yesterday that the industry's performance last year was 14 per cent above that in 1975 measured on a whole-sale price basis. Increased marketing effort and greater cooperation between munufacturers and retailers paid dividends, with exports worth more than £142m.

Yemen in Shell oil pact

Sanaa, May 20.-Yemen has signed an agreement with the Shell Oil Company under which the latter will prospect for oil enshare along the coast between the Port of Hodeldah and the Saudi border, government sources said. The agreement, which extends one signed in January, 1974, involves surveying the region in the next six months, the sources said.

Saudi Tarmac order

A division of Tarmae Inter-national, Saudi Tarmae, formed to carry out building and civil engineering work in Saudi Arabia, he wen a 544m contract to build an office complex north of Rivadh, the company announced yesterday.

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while SDR-£ was 0.676568.
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at 1646.9 (previous 1652.5).
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g gained 4 pts to \$1.7174.
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## £50m Bank Line order for By Peter Hill

State-owned Sunderland Shipstate-owned Sunderland Ship-brilders was given a £50 million boost yesterday with orders from a leading British shipping company for six cargo liners. The order will provide much needed work for the group and extend the company's order book to the first half of 1979. The orders were placed by

Against the background of the world-wide slump in orders, the Government has been attemping to persuade British owners to place more of their reduced orders with United

volved.
The EEC Commission how-

Chrysler 'needs no aid'

Scottish plant, despite heading

was forecast only three months A company spokesman said yesterday: "It is true that labour problems at Linwood have knocked us off course temporarily and we shall not be able to meet the targets set out lodged with the Government in

the planning agreement "But there is absolutely no need to ask for further government support and we have no plans to do that. We have been set back about three to four

"Already there are indications that we shall move into profit in the last quarter and some of our people are even suggesting 'substantial profits' However, it is clear that in 1977 as a whole we shall make a loss."

System 'more effective and less expensive to administer than price controls'

## Excess profits levy urged by Co-op Union

A simple levy system to penalize any company making excess profits should after a year replace the price controls being introduced by Government.

This was suggested by Mr Howard Perrow, chairman of the central everu-rive committee of the Co-operative Union, the movement's central organication, speaking at the opening of the annual Co-op Congress in Blackpool yesterday.

The plan may be worth consideration by the Government as a scheme, intro-duced as part of the next Finance Bill, to follow the phasing out of gross and net profit margin controls in the middle of next year. It might be one way of meeting any form of pay restraint, for further price controls in addition to those which would continue to be imposed by the Price Commussion.

But the Co-operative Union wants to see the levy replace the entire price control structure, including the Price Commission which enters a new phase in August.

An excess profits fevy would have more effect than the Commission and its new powers, and would be inexpensive to administer by comparison with the 58m estimated annual cost of the enlarged Commission, Mr Perrow said. He added that the Co-operative Union had realized that price restraint was necessary during inflationary periods, but it did not want to see long-term control in addition to the

markat If competition failed to keep prices and profits to reasonable levels than the Chancellor could act, as happened in warrine, by compelling componies which exceeded a profit norm to pay increased taxation. The profits levy idea was unsuccessfully urged on the Government during the consultative period on the new price control legislation, but the union is to continue

pressing for its adoption in 1978. Mr. Pernaw called for a circular of attitude by the authorities towards the development of superstones in central areas of cities and towns. Such large stores meant lower prices to the public and could help to revitalize central The Co-op, second largest operator

is anxious to expand in this sector on both in-town and out-of-town sites. In his presidential address, Mr George Gay, gave a warning that without many more superstores and hypermarkets the Co-op's share of retail trade—now slightly more than 7 per cent—was bound to decline".

The Co-on needed a new look in dry goods, especially women's and men's wear, and the establishment of

specialist chain stores also demanded consideration. Mr Gay said.

There were still difficulties in persuading inclvidual Co-op retail societies of such priorities. Progress on the movement's regional plan, which aims at a major reduction in the number of individual societies, was also painfully slow", Mr Gay added.

## Call for European nuclear fuel reprocessing plant programme

Industrial Correspondent Europe should embark on a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant construction programme urgently if demands for electricity are to be mer in the next

This was the view expressed vesterday by the International Union of Producers and Distributurs of Electrical Energy antid the growing controversy over the safety aspects of nuclear power generation.

The organization stated:
"European electricity producers consider it essential, and a matter of urgency, that reprocessing plant should be set up in line with requirements. This they do not consider incompatible, under certain conditions, with the policy of nonproliferation." It nited that present forecasts

for the commissioning of reprocessing plant would result in shortage of available capacity in Europe compared with the requirements, and this shartage

Johannesburg, May 30

South Africa is soon to re-

value its official gold reserves

at a price more realistic to the

free market level. At present the reserves are rated at the

official price of \$42.44 an

ounce.
A Bill tabled in the Cape

Town Parliament today provides for the Reserve Bank's gold

holdings to be valued at a price

determined from time to time

by the linance minister after

consultation with the bank. It-

will become law before parlie-

ment prorogues by the end of

Another big change in the South African set-up will be the ending of a statutory

Plea for simpler

form of current

cost accounting

A plea for a much-simplified

form of current cost accounting

than that proposed by the Mor-peth Committee has come from both the London Chartered

Accountants and the Institute of

Chartered Accountants of Scot-

In submissions to the Infla-

tion Accounting Steering Group.

both have thrown their weight

behind the proposals put for-

ward in the exposure draft (Ed 18) on current cost accounting, but both want to see extensive modifications.

The London accountants

argue that the eventual stan-dard should deal only with ten-

tral matters such as fixed assets,

they favour adjustments for

monetary items in the profit and loss account—leaving other.

ancillary matters to be dealt

The Scottish accountants sug-

gest that current cost accounts should at first be only supple-mentary to historic cost accounts until confidence in the

new system has been estab-lished.

with later.

stocks and monetary items-

By Our Financial Staff

South Africa to revalue

official gold reserves

1980-90.

The organization stated that the expansion of nuclear energy production remained essential in order to ensure Europe's energy supply, and it was recognized that such development would have to comply with the legitimate requirements of

environmental protection. Its strong support for the development and expansion of nucleur energy electricity pro-duction comes at a time when there is growing concern over the pace and safety aspects Next month a public inquiry will open at Windscale into the application by British Nuclear Fuels to build a 2600m reprocessing facility at Windscale. Last week Mr Shore, the Secretary for the Environment, made it clear that the develop-ment of a large-scale nuclear programme in Britain would not go shead until after a wide

public debate on the subject.

Bank to publish a statement of

its habilities and assets each

on the last business day of

overall statistical picture.

Improvement in

warehouse and

factory leasing

disclosed yesterday.

tion in the total floor area of

empty factories and warehouses.

Although the reduction in

it is seen as an indication of

a general improvement and is in

sharp contrast to the longer-term trend of a 145 per cent

increase since November, 1974.

The industrial floor space

survey—conducted by King and Company, a leading industrial

estate agent—shows that 83.7

million so It of factories and

warehouses were empty during

April, against 84 million sq ft

Improvement is most marked

Counties, where the area of both empty factory and ware-

house space has decreased. Elsewhere, significant decreases

are confined to warehouses in the North-east and factories in

the North-west, although several areas show small

last December.

was likely to continue for a organization said the present substantial part of the period situation necessitated the storsituation necessitated the stor-age of irradiated fuel elements over a much longer period than would be the case if there were adequate reprocessing facilities. Electricity producers there-fore would be required to pro-vide their own storage facilities to ensure that normal operation

of their nuclear power stations was not affected. This inadequacy of repro-cessing capacity will result in a delay in recovering the uranium and plutonium that can extracted from irradiated fuels. "The result will be an increase in the demand for natural uranium, and consequently an increase in the cost, and in a more general way an

increase in the cost of the fuel cycle", said the organization. Ir continued: "An additional consequence is the delay in the entry into service of fast breeder reactors, particularly deplorable in Europe, which is relatively poor in fossil fuels and even more in uranium." In its statement, however, the

## **Opposition** to Plessey cuts fading

Friday, In future it will do this By R. W. Shakespeare Northern Industrial Correspondent

every month. The weekly figures, now pub-Shopfloor onposition to the lished, often fluctuate widely as plans by the Plessey Group to cut its telecommunications operations with the loss of 4,000 they reflect inflows or outflows ; cut its of foreign credits. Last week's Reserve Bank statement re-flected a fall in total gold and jobs nationally, including 1,400 on Merseyside, appears to be dwindling.
With closures and cutbacks foreign reserves of rands 15.8m (£10.5m) to rands 752.9m with

gold holding down by rands 200,000 to rands 286,8m, repre-senting 38,09 per cent of the due to take effect at the end of this week, the militant action now seems to be centred on a sit-in by 250 women workers belonging to the electricians union at the Kirkby factory. Liverpool—one of those Although the revaluation of the reserves will push up the gold content enormously, it will not reflect any change in the

due to close on Friday.

The women workers are pickering the plant where senior management are ex-cluded. But about 50 other women workers at the factory have accepted their redundancy

At the nearby Speke factory, which is also due to close at the end of this week, another sir-in seems to have failed to For the first time in recent

siti-in seems to have failed to win shopfloor support.

The bulk of the redundancies are due to take effect at Plessey's headquarters plant at Edge Lane. Liverpool, where nearly 1,000 workers will lose their jobs under the cutback plans announced by Plessey earlier this year. A reduction in available for sale or to let in England and Wales, it was ecent mouths is only marginal, earlier this year. A reduction in orders by the Post Office for telecommunications equipment is said to be the cause of the

redundancies. Last week about 2,000 wor-kers at the Edge Lane plant began a strike—causing the lay-off of about 1.500 others—when talks between union officials and management about the re-dundancy plans broke down. A strike and sit-in at two big factories belonging to the Chloride International Battery Manufacturing Organization is also continuing. About 3,500 workers are occupying Chloride's plant at Clifton Junction near Manchester, and another 1,500 have occupied the factory at

This dispute centres on the

## UK 'failing to act over Arab boycott'

Leaders of three b's Jewish organizations have submitted a memorandom to the Prime Minister calling for "effective Government action" over the Arab trade boycott and demand-Arab frace poycott and demand-ing legislation to protect British companies and business-men against boycott pressures. Lord Fisher of Camden, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Mr Eric Moonman MP, chairman of the Zionist Federation of Greek Britain and Ireland and Grear Britain and Ireland, and Mr Fred S. Worms, honorary president of B'nai B'rith have also demanded an end to Foreign Office authentication of negative certificates of origin which state that goods sent to Arab countries, especially Iraq,

They want the Department of Trade to issue positive guidance to companies about the boycott and to stop saying that comply-ing with it is "a matter of com-mercial judgment". They have also suggested a ten-point shipping lines should be prohi-

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at a London press conference, transport of export shipments, and condemned all trade boy.

Any firm practising discrimi-"not internationally CULTS sanctioned.

threatened to withdraw govern- a result of unfair business prac-ment aid from companies sup- tices.



Mr Eric Moonman, MP, chairman of the Zionist Federation: Seeking positive guidance from Department of Trade.

porting such action, and that EEC states are fighting the "commercial blackmail" in a

variety of ways.

The issuing of negative certificates of origin should be outlawed and companies receiving demands to comply with the boycott should be required to report the fact to the Government accompanied with a statement of intent as to whether a company will comply with the

Banks, financial institutions cring boycott pressure on United Kingdom companies.

The Government's failure of the companies of the compan United Kingdom companies. from companies in connexion
The Government's failure to with the issuing of levers of act was "intolerable" they said credit or the processing and

panies cannot compile an index of household goods' prices, and suggest contents are revalued nation in employment should accordingly when premiums are be denied access to public They pointed out that funds, the three leaders say, America plans anti-boycott and there should be provision renewed. If they did so the insurance companies could expect in-creased premiums, and the has to aid firms suffering losses as major cause of aggravation and dissatisfaction when a claim is made would be removed for those policyholders who followed the recommendation,

## ISTC call for selective import controls on steel

From Ronald Kershaw Northern Industrial Correspondent

A call for selective import A call for selective import bridge in addition to calling controls on steel will be made for the extension of British at the annual delegate conference of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation opening of capital for industrial invest-

at Scarborough today. of the union, gives point to a report by Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Confederation. which highlights the fact that while exports of steel since 1971 have dropped from about 6 million tonnes a year to 4 million tonnes, imports have increased from 2.5 million tonnes to 5.5 million tonnes in the same period.

Mr Sirs points out that this

of 5 million tonnes a year. The resolution from Clyde-Steel Corporation output calls for restrictions on the export ment abroad and suggests that such capital should be directed into industrial investment in Britain and Wilkinson. Both were significantly d such capital should be directed into industrial investment in Britain and Wilkinson con- last of money smooth mated with three, four and five last of specifying last of money smooth mated in the last of money smooth mated in the last of specifying last of money smooth mated in the last of the last of money smooth mated in the last of money smooth mated mated in the last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three four and five last of money smooth mated with three f The resolution to be moved such capital should be directed into industrial investment in Implementation of these

United Kingdom steel industry

three points it is suggested is the key to retaining the maxiin steel manufacture. Mr Varley, Secretary of State

for Industry, is due to address the conference today and put the Government's views on the path the steel industry should

## Dockers refuse 'blacking'

Swansea dockers yesterday representatives who rejected rejected a request by Port their proposal to halt coil ship ments.

"black" imported steel coil. Mr Tommy Hilton, the Swansis importing the coil to keep open two tiuplate works—at Trostre, Llanelli, and Velindre, at this point of rime we were

Swansea—which normally rely at this point of time we were on Port Talbot steel.

at this point of time we were not prepared to do it. It would Leaders of the 560 striking put our own jobs in jeopardy."
The dockers as part of a campaign to step up their nine-weekold

The dockers argued that if supplies to the timplate works were to dry up, then so would were to dry up, then so would rejection by five unions of a dispute over pay differentials. the timplate exports back new productivity plan. They then met dockers through the docks.

suggested mat a larry national ized water supply industry was necessary if a national water grid were to be developed. I think that the suggestion is in-

Britain has a good record in the development of schemes for bulk transfer of water. Many of those schemes require cooperation between separate organizations. Many, indeed, were conceived and executed before the establishment of the present water authorities. Suc-cessful technical and financial cessru reconnects and mancial cooperation between water companies, water boards and local authority undertakings was the rule, rather than the exception and nemains so under the new order.

The objections to a national water and are rechanged tasher

The objections to a national water gold are rechmical rather than political. Certainity, there are areas where bulk supplies are brought from afar; there are areas where additional bulk supplies would relieve local shortages. The transport of water, however, is a very large part of its cost. In this respect, water differs from the supply of electricity, gas or oil, each of which is a commodity of high value, whose transport costs are a small part of the whole. A water gold would be expensive of capital, because enormous quantities of pipeline would have to be laid and numbers of large pumping stations would have to be built. It would be expensive of It would be expensive of energy (and, hence, funning cost) whenever it was used.

If money is to be spent on improving the country's water supply, which is already very good, I submit that it should be spent on the development of new sources and on such specific bulk supply schemes as offer a real advantage to the consumer. One is tempted to speculate

On appointment £41.07. From six months to two years During third year \$43.59. During fourth year £45.27.
At Qualified Fireman's Rate If there is anyone-Cabiner

ever adds a page giving the neekly take home pay (ie, after

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misconceptions over annual incremer

minister, parliamentarian, lour-nalist or other trade unionist on a fixed wage—who is not satis-fied that the increments are justified or believes that the qualified fireman is not entitled to the final rate for the job, I ments-provided of course that the recognized rates for the job were paid to those on the lower rungs-and not the other way A case in point is set out in the Fire Brigzde Union's docu-ment Assessing his Velue, pub-lished May 18, the greater part of which is a job description of the fully-qualified fireman prewould advise him to get a copy of the job-description from the FBU at Bradley House, Fulham High Street, London, SW6 3JN,

in the public services

From Mr J. Fryd

Sir, One aspect of the continu-

ing campaign against those em-

ployed in the various public

services is the oft-repeated im-

plication that annual incre-

ments, which are part of the agreed salary scales, result in pay increases in excess of

nationally accepted incomes

policy percentages.

Most of the public service unions are affiliated to this federation and I believe they would all most happiny sucren-

der all incremental arrenge

Index-linked

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recent inflationary years, and to which I have found no satisfac-

tory answer. Jewelry, antiques

and other valuables can be pro-

fessionally valued from time to time, but how is one to correctly

estimate the replacement value

of the normal contents of a

house; Is the retail price index an accurate guide? Must I go

window shopping once a year to

revalue everything? House prices are indexed

current rebuilding costs are advised by insurance companies.

as well as suggested car values.

and I cannot understand why

the BIA or insurance com-

whilst the insurance companies could reasonably put the onus on non-complying policyholders

to justify their action.

I. R. VALENTINE,

40 Avenue Road,

Witham, Essex CM8 2DP.

tax, social security, &c.) of a fireman with a wife and two children under 11. The figures long depends astaching control of the control of th skills and experience sequire during their ear biscourt or apprendict This is the justification incremental scale, and a no justification ut all payment of such increm ing reckoned as a bread indeed austhing to do v comes policy.
Yours sincerely. IOHN FRYD. General Secretary

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in manual employment

National Federation of Professional Workers 30a Station Road, Harpenden,

#### Small companies contribute nea half gross national product They had not yet been

pared not by the FBU itself, but and do s tot of thinking by the National Joint Council What applies to f to the service. The FBU how applies much in the ser

From Mr Clifford V. Jackson Sir, Nearly half the gross national product, and a significant proportion of exports and of employment, derive from companies with less than 5.000 employees.

From Mr I. R. Valentine
Sir, I unfortunately missed Dr
Beunett's letter of April 29, but
Mr Spaint's reply refers to the
problem of maintaining
adequate insurance cover on
household goods and property.

As a householder with employees.

Over a number of years as a general management consultant and later as bank's director. I was called into many such companies which were on As a householder with a house containing the normal paraphernalia of family life—no antiques, valuable paintings or heirlooms—this is a problem I have wrestled with during the the point of failing, with consequent loss of exports and of panies employment.
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many people in large com-panies in the 35 to 45 age group, who are highly intelligent. numerate, and well Mayfair.
versed in economics, marketing London, WIX 7PJ
and the principles of business. May 11.

director responsibiliti-their large companies their knowledge and s be under-utilized Would it not be poss the Government and

sional bodies like the I of Directors or the untapped boardroom r could be seconded partcon-competing This should benefit th

company and enlarge to pectives of those se making them better ext in their major employme In this way Robin Ho his Merry Men-not for Maid Marian—would h economy, and our le Yours faithfully, CLIFFORD V. JACKSON 20. Queen Strect. Mayfair.

#### True Building Society interest ra

From Mr Arthur Mulcock

Sir, After some further correspondence with the Halifax (May 12), that if the in Building Society following my here calculated on a magnetic to you (May 6) about basis (thus giving the mue interest rates on rate) the operating mar, mortgages, I now have a very the society would be eate courteous and full answer from the society.

On the main point as to what the compensated for in way.

the true rate is, the letter says:
"I am advised by the society's accounts department that the true rate for a mortgage at 11.25 per cem over a 25-year term is in fact 11.379 per cent, and that a true rate for a mortgage at 11.25 per cent over 10. years is 11.916 per cent."

I still feel that the bu societies should quote the rate of interest, but am c no have an authoritative ment of what that rate is.
ARTHUR MULCOCK,
30 Barnard Gardens,
New Malden,
Surrey.

#### Impact of lags in calculating money supply

cede to Professor Priedman the irrelevance of their observation that the money supply coefficients in their model are individually insignificantly different from zero. They now argue that "in the regression equation linking prices to the No of Lags in money equation instant prices to the money supply, the sum of coefficients on money supply growth should be insignificantly different from unity and that their statistical findings rejected, this hypothesis for the period 1960-73.

The table below gives the sum of the point estimates of the coefficients in the regres-

the coefficients in the regression equations reported by

lags of money supply growth, whereas the 1960-73 period they allude to was only estimated **රාණ්ඩිස්තය** ලබ money supply

growth Period 1960/71 1960/75 0.648 0.674 0.731 0.867 0.984 What stands out in the table is the manner in which the sum

of the coefficients increases towards unity as the number of lags included in the regression equation increases. (I should be surprised if the value of 0.984

Objections to nationalizing water supplies technical not political

From Mr G. M. Beresford Hart- national weathr gold might not well sir, In a recent news item, you have been advanced to facilize the political argument suggested that a furly national about a national water necessary if a national water grid were to be developed. I think that the suggestion is in Beresford Hartwell and Associations.

cianes, 7 Beddington Gardens, Surrey SM6 8RZ

lag forms common to metric work in this Tarling and Wilkinson the rather peculiar assuthat the logarithm current price level infinite weighted averag-logarithm of current and equilibrium price lev their actual est procedure, however, the arbitrarily truncate the lag model to three, fo five lags—presumably of data limitations.

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## home charm Ame Road: New Southgate, London N11 2NA



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Sales for the first quarter of 1977 have increased by 23% as compared with the corresponding period of 1976. This is at a time when the volume of retail sales in the UK has fallen to the lowest level for any quarter since early summer 1972. With indications that retail sales will have improved before the year-end, and with further store openings planned for the next few months, it is anticipated that sales for 1977 will show

a healthy increase over 1976. Every effort is being made to restrict overheads and, accordingly, subject to unforseen circumstances, we look forward to another year of continued growth in profits. Manny Fugel,

Capies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from The Company Secretary

## Honeywell attacks NEDO report

Honeywell Information Sys-tems, the Urited Kingdom sub-sidiary of the Minneapolis-based computer company, yesterday criticized the recent proposal by the computer sector working party of the National Ecouomic Development Office that the Government's procurement preference towards ICL should be continued and extended.

This proposal (The Times, May 17) was made on behalf of a majority of members of the working party, which con-sists of five union members, four from industry manage-ment, three from NEDO, two from the Department of Industry and one from the National Computing Centre.

Mr Vincent Gargaro, director of Honeywell's Hemel Rempstead systems centre and a member of the working party, yesterday dissociated himself from the working party's recom-mendations. They were "irrele-vant to the real needs of the computer industry in the United Kingdom", he said. Honeywell is one of a number

of foreign-owned, British-based computer companies which has stressed to the working party that their presence in the United Kingdom frequently creates new opportunities for the components industry. A relaxation of the public sector procurement policy, this group has argued, might lead

to higher investment and higher employment in the United King-

dom, and should sharpen the competitive edge of the indi-genous manufacturers by remov-

Computer news

ing them from a protected

To apply the working party's recommendations. Honeywell said, would run counter to the European Community's public supply directive, and also to the working party's original objectives, set last summer. It would involve public-sector users in extra risks and admini-

strative costs, and would not be British computer industry. The working party had suggested that the Government should consider extending the preference policy to the pro-ducts of the United Kingdom minicomputer industry. This would be a mistake, Honeywell

said. Hardware was not the central issue now (chough it used to be); it was becoming less important as technology moved forward. In 1976, the company said, the United Kingdom imported £173 worth of computers for every £100 exported. But Honeywell's figure was £83 worth of imports for every £100 worth exported. The Government's ICL preference, the working party had said, did not cover the whole

of the public sector. True in theory, Honeywell commented,

but in practise the company had detected "an extension of the

present policy into the wider

public-sector market ".

Honeywell Information Sys tems employs more than 2,000 people in Britain. According to the Business Equipment Trade Association, the seven main-frame computer suppliers in the United Kingdom employ more than 47,000 people, of which British-owned ICL employs about 19,000 and the six American-owned companies about

IBM's new mini

Computer Analysts & Programmers, SPL International and Altergo are among the first software houses to announce development programmes in connexion with IBM's Series I minicomputer, announced on the United Kingdom market last week.

Orders for the new mini have been received from Altergo, CAP and JBS Computer Services, with first deliveries expected from IBM's Italian factory during October and December

Purchase price for a small version of the Series I is about £7,400. Mr Alex d'Agapeyeff, CAP chairman, described the machine as "a very exciting new kind of mini which will be very relevant for distributed processing in commerce and industry. It does, however, need more application software, and that is where 'e aim to make a contribution "

Kenneth Owen

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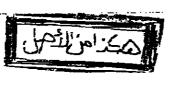
Extracts from the Chairman's report for the year to December 31st 1976 ·

Profits before tax were at the record level of £4,232,0 sales of £43 million and this is partly due to the furth twist in the inflationary spiral caused mainly by the I deterioration of the value of sterling against the curr in which we trade, I still feel that we can be satisfied our underlying level of efficiency and performance.

Earnings per share amount to 23.5p for the 12 n period against 14.8b for the 10 months to Decembe 1975. Net langible assets have increased during the from 138p to 158p per share. I feel in considering future prospects that our pr

is similar to that of a year ago. After recently reachir unprecedented high levels, interest rates have faller and are lower than for several years and despite stri competition for funds the Building Societies are beto have an encouraging increase in their net receipt If this is sustained we can once again hope for an improvement in the private sector by the end of the Meanwhile we have to cope with a lower volume lev 1977 and the doubts over a settled economic climawhich might once again force the government to tig monetary policy.

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#### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

## Surprise tactics from the Bank

else one may say about the Bank id. one can never accuse it of st its capacity to surprise. So. on the gilt market the better part to establish a market in the new ste stock, the Bank then promptly 100m novelty in what it doubtless be a proper perspective and a new £800m stock of a more

ional, at least in the sense that the t bears a fixed interest coupon, hether the partly-paid mechanism e regarded as established practice

cker's surprise at the Bank's timing quite simply on the fact that the is being launched after a week market has been in retreat. The lowever, appears to be that the this a convenient moment both lish a management presence in the id also to start to commit instituome late summer funding lest the ree atmosphere is by then proving

the pricing of the stock suggests authorities may not in fact be all ied about how much stock they sell there are already £780m of our-gilt calls before mid-July. The is whether or not they are running selling too much stock in the insite tre, since the first two calls could to a further £240m out of the

actions

## ng the stakes

rules for tomorrow's ninth Inter-Monetary Fund gold auction—the the new monthly series, may have factor which has contributed to the eakness in the bullion price. For, of the \$50,000 deposit demanded at auctions, intending bidders will e to put up \$25,000, or \$10 an ounce, r is the greater.

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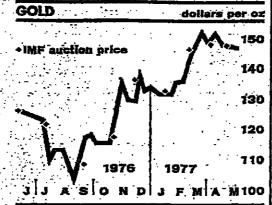
inger has always been that speculald try to play the auction price off

certainly not going to change the the risk of attra of real professionals, however—the big four, including N. M. Rothschild and the Russians.

and Samuel Montagu; the three leading Swiss banks, the Union Bank of Switzerland, Swiss Bank Corporation and the Swiss Credit Bank; several United States institutions; nor probably the Bank of Oman; which pops

up occasionally.

IMF auctions themselves are no longer a disruptive force in the market. They have become a part of the way of life in gold, particularly since the monthly auction offer-ings of 525,000 ounces succeeded the



780,000 ounces for sale in the first series when the auctions were held about every

During the past three months, the bullion price has been consolidating above the \$140 level, with a high point of \$153.60 an ounce reached at a London fixing in March; and while there has been weakness recently, the fundamentals for gold are strong.

Jewelry and other industrial demand has been buoyant, but has tailed off somewhat since the latest bull phase started last Sep-tember. It is generally held that the jewelry industry took in large quantities below \$120

Meanwhile, Krugerrands have gone out of fashion-overseas sales in the first quarter of this year were 497,000 coins, compared with \$18,000 in the same period last year—although the international premium has risen slightly this year.

But since gold has such a politico-economic role, its position could change overnight. The Cuban presence in Ethopia is being watched closely, for example, as is the banking crisis in the United Arab Emirates.

So, if the world economic and political situation stays calm during the summer, bullion is likely to trade quietly, with \$135-5138 an ounce as the low point. But if \$150 an ounce can be breached with confidence there could be a run up to \$165, though at the risk of attracting more than passing attention from the United States Treasury

## s don't help investment trusts

x months of intermittent takeovers, n the investment trust sector are ding at an average discount to their t value of around 30 per cent. It the want of a follow-through that e failed to make more beadway, for ve been plenty of bid approaches-

have so few of them come to enched conservatism within the Investors in investment trusts: the would be bidder with a problem

consideration. investment trust share registers, y contain a fair number of names ave been there for any number of ind the implication is that a bid in ows up formidable tax liabilities ongains. Pension funds, however, are ise to bid in anything else.

tere are problems, too, for quoted es like the assurance groups which r paper to bid. After seeing the value of the Prudential's bid for I slide with the shares until it by next to nothing the cash offer the British Rail Pension Funds, a

d now has to have a cash alternative at serious attention. wer, the structure of the industryf cross-holdings-means that in most bidder will have to obtain at the

ard acquiesence if he is to have any of success.

omplexities of those cross holdings strated by the case of London & in, whose directors last week their readiness to question whether

it interests of shareholders, were

served by running the company as an investment trust. That immediately sent the shares up, but they have slipped since, as the marker waits to weigh the precise significance of this Delphic pronouncement.

It will be of wider application than at first appears. London & Aberdeen, itself relatively modest in size (total assets of just under £25m, according to Laing & Cruickcent of the much bigger (assets of £50m) Stockholders, which in turn owns 62.7 per cent of General Stockholders (assets of £10.5m). All are trusts within the Govett stable.

London & Aberdeen is itself owned as to almost 12 per cent by the biggest of the trusts of the Govett group, Border & Southern. Now quite apart from the fact that questions on the value of the investment trust concept from such a group—Govett is one of the best-regarded in the industry—represents quite a departure, unwinding London & Aberdeen, if that is to be the outcome, will take a lot of doing.

For one thing, the group owns ar American oil company which would probably have to be sold—it would, for example, hardly fit into a unit trust portfolio. For another, since Stockholders is taken into L.ndon & Aberdeen's books at asset value rather than market price, unwinding the latter might mean doing something with the former as well.

The implication of the announcement is certainly that the excitement in the sector is not yet over. But London & Aberdeen's directors would have done their shareholders more of a service had they provided more in the way of information and less in the way of suspense.

## Is it time to overhaul the law on trade union recognition?

If a staff association which is not independent

is composed of members who do not wish to

join any union, why should they have to form

or join an independent trade union to seek

recognition and enhance their bargaining status?

The recognition of staff associations has attracted attention in the columns of *The Times*. In reply to criticism by the National Union of Bank Employees of the grant of certificates of independence to staff associations of two building societies Mr Keeble, the chairman of Nationwide Building Society Staff Association, and Mr Owen, the chairman of the Leek and Westbourne Staff Association, wrote a joint letter which was published on March

They drew attention to the fact that certificates of independence were given by the certification officer in circumstances where administrative secretaries and clerical assistants were employed and the services of an independent con-sultant and negotiator were retained on a paid basis by the

association.
The object of seeking recognition is to enhance bargaining status on pay and other coudinoss of work. It is the stuff and essence of the good order-ing of industrial relations. It conduces to stability. It also raises inevitable conflicts. This is certainly so where a recognition dispute is in effect

a rivalry struggle between two unions, or between two or more unions, or between two or more groups in the same union.

The recognition of a staff association raises special problems as under existing law it must be free of domination, control or interference by the employer. This factor has no place in the ordinary rank of recognition disputes as unions other than staff associations are

union may refer a recognition issue to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service under section 11 of the Employ-ment Protection Act 1975 (implemented February, 1976)

in no way identified with the

its growth and which finally joined in drafting the very rules by which the control appeared

The decision of the Certificafines an independent trade union as a trade union which tion Officer appears to have been correct in the building "(a) is not under the domina-tion or control of an employer society cases to which reference has been made. The decision of the Certification Officer as or a group of employers or of one or more employers' associa-tions: and (b) is not liable to interference by an employer or affirmed by the tribunal was clearly correct in the Blue any such group or association (arising out of the provision of financial or material support or

for conciliation and a report

30 of the Trade Union and

section 8 of the Employment Protection Act 1975, it was held

trated at every point by the interference and control of the

paternal control which brought it into existence and fostered

had been pursuing.

It is, however, worth seeking to examine the principle involved. If a staff association which is not independent is composed of members who do financial or material support or by any other means whatsoever) tending towards such control)". In Blue Circle Staff Associa-tion v Certification Officer [1977] ICR 234, which was the first appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal from a deci-sion of a certification officer who refused to grant a certifinot wish to join any union, why should they have to form or join an independent trade union to seek recognition and enhance their bargaining status? Why should the law impose this fetter on their freedom of who refused to grant a certifi-cate of independence under

that his refusal to grant the certificate was justified. The association, it was further held, had not yet attained the freetions of trade union opinion do not wish it to be this way? If so—is this attitude justified? It is thought not. The Donovan Commission in paradom from domination which it graph 766 suggested that a pos-The original consultative organization had been penesible basis for the definition of a trade union was any combinaa trade union was any combina-tion of employees the principal activity of which was the regulation of relations between employees and employers. It concluded at paragraph 255/6 that an independent tribunal should be established to which management. There was a heavy onus on such a body to show that it had shaken off the

recognition disputes might be referred by the Minister of

These findings more or less adopted the situation under the Trades Dispute Act of 1906 as reflected by Citrine's "Complete Modern Definition of Trade Union" as set out at page 343 of Trade Union Law (third edition). There was no concept of "independence" as a pre-requisite to recognition.

This was first imported by the Act of 1971. However, the Labour Government's appraisal of the report of the Royal Com-mission which was set our in In Place of Strife and later in the Industrial Relations Bill presented by Mrs Barbara Castle, and supported by among others Mr Crosssman and Mr Wedgwood Benn, contained no such concept. The definition of trade union in Clause 1 of the Bill followed the traditional

There was no statutory or common law machinery con-cerned with recognition as such before the Act of 1971. Under the Act of 1971 the Commission on Industrial Relations could not recommend recognition and hence the National Indus-trial Relations Court could not order recognition-unless the organization of workers was independent in the sense that

or control of the employer [see sections 48(4)(a) and 167]. This is reflected in the defipition of "independent trade union" in section 30 of the Act of 1974 which repealed the Act of 1971, but the second limb of section 30 goes further and requires that the trade union shall not be liable to interference by an employer by any means whatever tending towards

such control.

Surely the essential must always be the will of the majority of the members of the staff? This can be ascertained from time to time by the taking of an independent ballot.

Under paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Act of 1975 ACAS is a. : subject to direction by any minister and is enjoined

by any minister and is enjoined to perform its functions on behalf of the Crown.

Under section 2 of the Act of 1975 ACAS in empowered to act "ex officio" in the case of an apprehended trade dispute—which of course includes a recognition dispute.

It is all too apparent that the views of staff associations may be canvassed by independent ballot arranged by ACAS should the need arise.

Is it not high time that this

Is it not high time that this artificial concept of "independence" as a pre-requisite to a claim for recognition should be discarded? If a man or woman is free to join, or not to join, a trade union; if freedom of choice has any meaning; if under the European convention on Human Rights, are intended to have any effect in domestic law, then the answer is plain.

This is not the only aspect of the recognition machinery in need of a 10,000-mile service—or indeed, the only aspect of the law on industrial relations due for a general overhaul.

Alan Campbell, QC

#### Eric Wigham

## Where Japanese and western attitudes to work converge

A report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development,\* based on the visit of a study group to Japan, suggests that industrial relations and worker attitudes in that country are tending gradually to become more like those of the West. those of the West.

The group consisted of a lozen employer and trade nion representatives from European countries, with a British rapporteur, Mr Oliver Clarke, principal administrator of the OECD social affairs and industrial relations division. Coming from countries themselves undergoing changes in their labour relations, the group sought to assess a quite different system.

It could be described, perhaps, as a sort of cross between the paternalism not infrequently to be found among European firms a generation or two ago and a kind of consensus decision-making which has some parallels with present trends in

The essence of it is what has been called "lifetime employment.". Boys and young men leaving school or university start work in an enterprise where they will remain until they retire when they are 55 to 60 years old. As the years pass, their pay and status increase regularly, whether or not their job in the company changes.

If an employee is required to do a different type of work, the firm trains him for it. He has a wide variety of fringe benefits and the company's interest in his welfare extends beyond the factory. His union is based on the enterprise in which he works and on bargains about general

tions which are on a pattern set by negotiations between national employers and the union federations normally in what is known as the "spring labour offensive". Time lost through strikes is less than in most countries though more than in, for instance, West Germany or Sweden.

"At its best", the report says, "the Japanese enterprise is a body of people who feel that by willingly giving it their best efforts by giving

their best efforts, by giving more weight to their responsibilities than to what is due to them, they are ensuring their own security and prosperity and contributing to the 2000 of their country as a whole." Workers, the report con-tinues, are ready to do any work within their capacity. There is no need to oppose technical change since it is un-

likely to have adverse effects on either security or pay. Devotion to the work community is traditionally regarded as an important virtue in Japan and may be stronger than devotion to the immediate family.

But it is not all like that. Lifetime employment is normal in large concerns, but less general in small ones, in which wages are on average much lower. There " temporary "

with no comparable and "half-way" workers, security, workers, who move to a different employer in the course of their careers, and women who break their continuity of employment for family reasons. Moreover of the life-time workers, who retire earlier than in other countries, with a lump sum to tide them over until they get the state pension



computer under assembly at a Tokyo factory: a European study group detected a falling off in the traditional devotion to work and the company among the Japanese young.

in temporary work at lower pay in the same or another undertaking.

There are also disadvantages. All goes well in periods of ber of surveys are quoted, expansion, such as has been some of them putting questions normal since the war, but the recent recession led to the acceptance by an increasing number of Japanese employers of western criticisms that life of people aged between 40 and time employment could lead to 49 agreed with the statement: overmanning and rigidity.

would like to be able to change their jobs without the sacrifice of seniority pay which it at present entails. The seniority wage has also declined. A survey showed that whereas in 1958 workers aged 40 to 49 got two and a third times as much as those aged 20 to 24, in 1974 they got only 71 per cent more.

There are less tangible changes in attitude. The group found a tendency to lay more emphasis on environmental and social improvements and less exclusive concentration on economic growth. They also young, in the traditional devotion to work and the enterprise. As evidence of this, a num-

some of them putting questions to the workers which would cause surprise in other coun-tries. An official inquiry, for instance, found that 72 per cent Work is only natural to man; The study group found other, varied signs of change. A growing number of young workers aged from 16 to 24 agreed.

Another survey asked workers to choose which of a number of expressions of artitudes to life came closest to what they felt. In 1930 nearly a third picked: "Resist all evils in the world and live a pure and just life", but in 1968 only one in 10 did so.

On the other hand, the proportion preferring: "Don't think about money or fame, just live a life that suits your tastes", rose from 11 per cent to 51 in the same period. A third inquiry in 1971

found that 40 per cent of workers in the private sector valued work more than family life or leisure, but males under 20 and females under 30 attached greater value to leisure. However, even though the

younger generation may adopting a more individualist attitude, the overall impression

workers remained extremely industrious and retained an exceptional identification with their enterprise.

The report concludes with some discussion of the theory that common industrial and social problems will bring about a trend towards uniformity in industrial relations systems and it finds some signs of conver-gence. The seniority wage system is weakening in Japun while job security is receiving increased attention in Europe. Workplace bargaining is becoming more important in some European countries while national negotiations may may acquire greater authority in

Consensus decision-making in Japan has something in com-mon with workers' participation in Europe. In most of the countries the balance between confrontation and cooperation is becoming more even.

However, though countries in

these days of abundant commu better the way others do things. what is good than to try to find their own way of achieving the same results. Attitudes and traditions differ so much that uniformity, happily, is not within sight.

\* The Development of Industrial Relations Systems: Some Implications of Japanese Experience (OECD, \$2.20).

## Business Diary: New men in power • Pukka Saab

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Secretary Tony inounced the names of the electricity industry and will continue his duties with the Midlands Electricity Roard. With these latest additions to his team England now apparent the will be joining full feets that he has a strong force for coping with the inevitable bettles there year name.

#### Driving force

Saab, not the most sparkling of British car importers at the moment, has just appointed a new managing director. John Smerdon, 49, takes over a fairly hot seat with the United Kingdom subsidiary after two years as a management consultant much of it spent advising Saab-Scania in Sweden.

Before that he was successively director of finance and administration with British Europe director of British Leyland International.

Smerdon's inheritance is a company that has been graduaily losing its market share, down from 0.62 per cent in 1975 to 0.54 per cent last year and 0.45 per cent in the first four months of this.

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Saab's John Smerdon. once loval ownership that is

beginning to find the price a little too much. Saab has traditionally sold to better-off professional peopledoctors, dentists, lawyers and so on—and, once hooked on the car, most have gone on to buy Leyland Europe and Western another. But Smerdon points

out that this type of person has been badly hit by inflation and the pay policy and is in danger of casting around for something cheaper. So, while he is anxious to hold on to existing customers, he also talks of trying to reach farther up the market.

He hopes to do it by aggressive marketing, which will involve stronger advertising and injecting a greater commisment into the desier network. He is disturbed that Saab does well in Yorkshire and Scotland and poorly in the affluent South-east

which must be full of potential customers.
Smerdon's long experience of fitting products to different markets gives him a European

rather than national perspective in his new job. He recalls that at one point in his career he was involved in launching the Playtex bra in, of all places. France. "Now you might have thought that the last thing

French women would have wanted was this efficient and rather unglamorous American product when they had been used to the frilly stuff. But now Playtex is the best-selling bra in France".

Such, he contends, is the power of marketing. It will be interesting to see whether he can be equally successful in selling Saabs to the hard-up British.

#### Sticky

The sticky question of when a chocolate is not a chocolate will soon be preoccupying Detek Anderson. As newly reelected president of the Cocoa, Choco-late and Confectionery Alli-ance, he represents British confectionery makers at a meeting with his EEC counterparts in Copenhagen next month. The problem, which has been

around for a long time, is that additives to some British. additives to some British,
Danish and Irish chocolates
mean that they do not conform
to the food labelling regulations adopted by the other six members. If these have their way, such products will not be called "chocolate".

Talks to see if a common formula can be agreed have gone on for several years without a settlement. Anderson, however, believes that spirall-ing raw materials could add a new factor to next month's debate.

Higher priced cocoa beans are already likely to force up Umred Kingdom chocolate prices by about 30 per cent this year. The manufacturers, who have seen their sales suffer as a result, argue that the pro-posed new regulations could price their products out of even the most affluent child's pocket.

Other EEC manufacturers have been similarly affected and Anderson hopes that this might help to turn the tables in the talks about the description of "chocolate"

Instead of the three newcomer countries adopting the chocolate making standards of



CCCA's Derek Anderson.

the original six, he thinks these might now be prepared to relax the regulations to keep prices

#### Steel clanger

There is some embarrassment in the British Steel Corporation over the medal struck to commemorate the tenth anni-versary of the founding of the state undertaking and handed to a number of worthies who attended a recent celebratory luncheon.

On one side is a blast furnace and on the other the names of the 14 companies which were originally vested in the corpora tion arranged in concentric circles. But keener-eyed recipiems have spotted a couple errors—the mis-spelling of one company's name and the omission of another.

The mis-spelling is Stewarts and Lloyds, which appears as Stewart and Lloyds. The omission is that of the Lancashire Steel Corporation, although Round Oak Steel Works, which was originally among the 14 companies and subsequently returned to the private sector, is listed.

Spink and Son, the medallists who undertook the commission, said they had no comment to make on the omission and the mis-spelling and referred Business Diary to the corporation. At the Grosvenor Place headquarters a spokesman in the BSC press department applogized for not having seen the medal personally. There are none extant within the BSC", he said.



Salient points from the Statement by Mr. H. J. Isner, Chairman,

The results of the year can be considered satisfactory. ■ The growth of the Company has been

brought about by a series of successful additions to established ranges as well as the introduction of new ones. Orders received and despatches effected

in the first three months of the current year are well in excess of the same period last year and we are confidently looking forward to total sales for 1977 considerably above those for 1976. Summary of Results 1975

£23,840,329 Turnover £19,887,313 Group trading profit £2,401,490 £1,546,253 Earnings per Ordinary Share 5.1p

## Italy at the top of the league for strikes

that less time was lost through government's strikes in the United Kingdom policy, while British workers than in France for the first were on the whole loyally time since 1968, when France's observing the national incomes called on May 24, show that gains, from 1974 to 1976, was industrial storms defeated the policy agreed with the TUC, the Frenchmen are as deter-

easily the most strike-prone of the four main EEC countries; the most peaceful.

The explanation of the reversal of the positions of France of last year. sal of the positions of France of last year.

and Britain is that French France started this year with year there has been a 10 per unions, like those of Italy, a relatively peaceful couple of cent fall in British standards.

at London airport and else on March 24 where, have rebelled against similar motive.

Final figures for 1976 show were struggling against their months, but the widespread anti-inflation stoppages in protest against the movement of wage rates, it workers the government's economic calculated from OECD pay and policy on April 28 and an even more general 24-hour strike Statisticians.

But the reaction has set in.

Italy, though doing slightly

British craftsmen, in the better than in 1975, remained at London airport and elseeasily the most strike-group of at London airport and else-

of this year strikes caused the since the recession began, overtime and incentive pay-loss of two thirds as much though in the United Kingdom ments and by taxation. In Ger-working time as in the whole and Italy particularly at much many earnings have risen

Pay rates are not, of course. and Germany, in spite of some tials which resulted from the tries have all maintained their ing power, which is also troubles in the spring, easily policy, and in the first quarter standards in the three years affected by such things as the most peaceful. slightly more slowly than rates since the recession began and in Britain considerably more

The accompanying table of slowly, though they have gone up relatively since last July.

In the table of time lost

through strikes, the incidence rates are not comparable with those which in the ordinary course of things will be published by the International Labour Organization (ILO) at the end of this year since they of employees instead of those in four main industries. Adjustments have had to be made for the fact that France and the United States do not include agricultural employees in their totals.

Earnings per share

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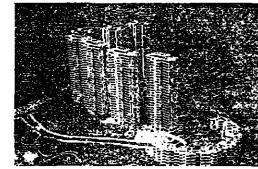
Extracts from the 1976 Statement to Shareholders by Mr D.K. Newbigging, Chairman, The Hongkong Land Company Ltd

# Excelent prospects."

Good Year for the Group

1976 was a good year for Hong Kong, for the commercial sector generally, and for your Group. We have proceeded with our development plans, and the Group's earnings have again increased enabling the recommendation of a record

ve have completed several ma and announced the commencement of others. The Group will thus continue to have a steady flow of new developments coming to fruition which should ensure a continued growth of earnings with excellent future prospects for The Hongkong Land Group.



A model of Phase One of Chi Fu Fa Yuen, the Group's now housing project on Hong Yong Island.

Group Results

The consolidated net profit after taxation for 1976 was Stg £25,200,000 compared with Stg £21,700,000 for 1975. Earnings per share rose to 5.25 pence from 4.50 pence for

An interim dividend of 1.38 pence per share was paid in November, and a final dividend of 2,75 pence per share is recommended, making a total of 4.13 pence for the year 1976, an increase of 13.8% over 1975.

Commercial Properties

The Group's portfolio of properties in Central District has remained virtually fully let, and Phase One of our Central District Redevelopment Scheme was concluded in late 1976 with the completion of the 34-storey Alexandra House, which is now fully let.

Phases Two and Three of the Scheme call for the construction of two 45-storey twin office towers which, with Alexandra House will form three sides of a 20,000 sq. ft pedestrian plaza, providing a new focal point for Central District.

Phase Two (Gloucester Tower) will be constructed on the site of Gloucester Building while the Windsor House site as well as that of Lane Crawford House, which has been acquired by Hongkong Land in exchange for Jardine House and 14/16 Pedder Street, will provide the area for the central shopping plaza. Final completion of Gloucester Tower and the plaza is scheduled for early 1980, and will make available a total of some 621,000 sq. ft of lettable space: an increase of 72% compared with the buildings currently occupying the same site. Our own system of pedestrian foot-bridges will, in due course, create a link between our seven major Central

In September, we purchased the P & O Building in Hong Kong, which added 100,000 sq. ft of not lettable office accommodation and 4,000 sq. ft of shopping space to our Central District portfolio.

Work will commence in April 1977 on the construction of a major commercial building of some 600,000 sq. ft in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Agreement has already been reached with Government for the Inland Revenue Department to lease over 200,000 sq. ft of the new building, Phase One of which is expected to be completed in late 1978, with Final completion by mid 1979.

In Jakarta, Indonesia, a joint venture 15-storey office building, (30% owned), was completed in late 1976.

In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, work commerced in May, 1976 on a 19-storey office building of some 180,000 sq. ft (30% owned). This building is expected to be completed by late

quarie House in Sydney, Au 20-storey building containing 100,000 sq. ft of office space,

The Group's portfolio of prime residential properties principally in the May Road area in Hong Kong's Mid-Levels, has remained fully let. Branksome, the 26-storey luxury apartment building of 94 units was completed in mid 1976, and was immediately fully let. In addition, work will shortly commence on the construction of new twin towers comprising 134 units on the site of Tregunter Mansions. This pment is expected to be completed by late 1979.

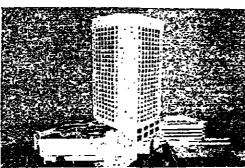
Construction of the joint venture development of a residential scheme of 37 luxury units on a prime size in Stanley by Simia Enterprises Limited (50% owned) started in late 1976 and should be completed by mid 1978.

Property Trading

In September, 1976 we sold four Hong Kong residential developments for a total of 5tg £6.9 million, thus releasing funds for investment in other areas, in particular the Central

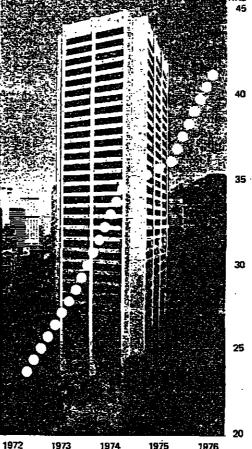
In September, Government approval was received for the development of Chi Fu Fa Yuen, the Group's Stg £75 million housing project, in Pokiulam on Hong Kong Island. The project - a new township of some 17.5 acres - will provide 2,700,000 sq. ft of residential accommodation in the form of 4,350 flats for middle income purchasers.

The marketing programme of Chi Fu Fa Yuen was launched in December, and met a response of such proportions that all nine blocks comprising the first phase were immediately oversubscribed. Construction of the first phase should be completed by mid 1978, and the development is scheduled for completion in stages over the next six to eight years.



The 29-storey, 504 bedroom, Jakarta Mandarin Hotel is expected to

The trading income from the Group's Hong Korg hate interests improved considerably during 1976. The Mandarin, Hong Kong, operated by our subsidiary, City Hotels Ltd, continued to operate at a high rate of occupancy. The Excelsior, Hong Kong (48% awned), is now managed by a subsidiary and is operated in conjunction with the adjacent Hong Kong Convention Centre. The Oriental Hotel, Bangkok (49% owned), managed by Mandarin International Hotels Ltd (52% owned), had its new River Wing of some 350 rooms completed in 1976. The 504 room Manila Mendarin Hotel (30% praced) was partially opened in September, as scheduled, in Indonesia, the Jakarta Mandarin (40% gwned), also 504 morns, is scheduled to open in late 1976.



andra House, Phase One of the Group's Central District

Maxim's Caterers Limited (21% owned) once again returned a record result based on substantially increased turnover. This is attributable to the growth of business in existing outlets, and to further expansion by the opening of eleven new restaurants and fast food outlets,

Food Distribution

The Group's major food distribution interests, accounting for some 20% of the Group's profit, are maintained through subsidiaries operating within the Dairy Farm Group, which incorporates Fitzpatrick's. During 1976, trading was at a satisfactory level, with a continued growth pattern based on increased turnover and the opening of new retail outlets. A further two shopping centres will open soon, bringing the total number of supermarkets and shopping centres operating in Hong Kong to 22.

Aircraft catering activities have expanded throughout the region, and in Hong Kong the new aircraft catering building has recently been completed at a cost of some Stg £3.8 million. The main Dairy Lane store in Windsor House will be re-established in Marina House later this year.

The completion of Alexandra House, Branksome, the Oriental Hotel's new wing and the Manila Mandarin Hotel, together with the acquisition of the P & O Building and an increased investment in the Excelsior Hotel, will ensure growth in future profits. The continuation of this pattern over the next lew years should also be assured by the development of the remaining two phases of the Central District Redevelopment Scheme, the new Windsor House in Causeway Bay, the pment of Tregumer Mansions, the Jakarta Mandarin Hotel, and Chi Fu Fa Yuen in Polyfulam,

Looking to 1977, your Directors believe that earnings will show a further improvement, and we look forward with confidence to the luture.

	1976	1975
	£	£
Group profit after tax	25,200,000	21,700,000
Dividends	19,800,000	17,400,000
Snareholders' funds	362,400,000	358,600,000
Earnings per share	5.25p	4.5p
Dividends per share	4.13p	3.63p
Net assets per share	0.75	0.75
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D.K. Newbigging Chairman

Hong Kong 30 March 1977

The Hongkong Land Company Ltd Alexandra House, Hong Kong



# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS (1) (0)

Stock markets

# Firm at the lower levels

Growing union opposition to what has hitherto been regarded as a reasonable Phase Three pay settlement brought an early markdown of shares from which

they never fully recovered.
The closure of many Continental and United States markets and the approach of the fourday break also proved a disincentive to buyers but after the relatively light selling had dried up most prices held steady at the lower levels. Indeed, there was a faint-

hearted attempt at a rally after Mr Varley's builish estimate of a £3,000m trade surplus by 1980, but this quickly perered out and the FT Index, 6.1 off at 2 pm, closed at 447.5, a net loss on the day of 5.3. Though prices made little headway there was more

was more interest in the gilt-edged market with the progress of the new variable bond and the surprise announcement of a new £800m "instalment" tap commanding a good deal of artention.

The market is looking for full-year profits from Percy Bilton, due today, of around £5.75m, against £5m. The group should have done particularly well on the industrial property side where rents are expected to be up by £500,000. For the current year the rise is put at £1m. Househuilding remains de-Housebuilding remains de-pressed but is unimportant. The shares were steady at

Longer dates opened easier and remained in a narrow range around their overnight levels until business was suspended for half an hour to consider three-eighths lower up to three-quarters off with a two-way trade deve-loping at the lower level.

Short dates were largely unchanged and then eased on the new terms. The variable bond, issued at a nominal £100, mer with a fair demand and was offered by the Government Broker at £2 discount and, later £98.25.
Though firmer by the close

the industrial leaders ended in a mixed range. At the extremes of this were Bowater, off 4p

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to 1889, and Unilever which lower at 920p, and there managed a rise of 4p to 438p. Similar story at Shell distance amount to 528p.

held steady 482p. In engineers further delay in In engineers further delay in the completion of the Sachs deal led to GKN coming on offer and closing 7p lower at 335p. After its accounts Hawker Siddeley lost 4p to 608p. In electricals recent figures left Muirhead. head 5p down at 185p and, market trend apart, EMI was hampered by talk of scanner competition and closed 4p off at 218p. Relatively firm were Reyrolle Parsons at an un-changed 197p, GEC 186p and Ever Ready 166p, both a couple

of pence down. or pence down.

Among newspaper issues the continued lack of concrete bid developments led to selling of Beaverbrook "A" which lost 3p to 43p. Ahead of figures Reed Group held firm at 212p but profit takers were at work in Thomson Organisation which closed 12p off at 528p.

closed 12p off at 528p. Two to benefit from comment were Pifce "A" which gained a point to 74p and Elswick Hopper at 15p. After the annual meeting Dunlop eased 4p to

A clutch of results brought some good spots to the textile sector. After a jump in profits Parkland Textiles "A" rose 5p rarkiand Textiles "A" rose 5p to 43p, higher profits and a chvidend forecast lifted Reliance Knitwear 2p to 33p while a return to profitability helped Lindsay & Williams to put on 4p at 23p.

In stores profit-taking led to softness in Mothercare which dropped 6p to 266p, but both House of Fraser 3p to 120p and Marks & Spencer 1p to 116p

marks of Spencer 1p to 110p made up some ground.

After last week's strength, which was based largely on dividend possibilities, Associated Dairies succumbed to profittaking with a hefty loss of 11p to 262p and for the same reason Paterson Zochonis were lowered 15p to 220p Following last 15p to 220p. Following last week's figures Wheatsheaf held steady at 197p, but Bejam, lowered recently on price war fears, lost another 4p to 102p and now looks "cheap" in the eves of some.

Against a background of the coming share placing BP were a subdued market ending 2p

Capel were unmoved at Interest rate worms rinued to weaken p issues with Stock Con down 6p to 178p, Gree land 4p to 242p, Haslen to 190p and Peachey 40 p. One going againg general trend was Land

ties which ended a poin

at 1770.

From 44p when we investors February the shares in ( rods have now weakened figures for the full you ended on April 30 are until September. The on bleak. Pressure fro American competitor, . American Compensor, is unremitting and the profits indicated by the fall of 26 per cept is to have continued. The dividend dropped from 1.65p and doubt must rround the final. This i last time.

Though the banking was generally dull the s spots were to be found Australian sector He Bank rose 10p to 475p, A Commerce Bank 4p t ANZ Group 3p to 3. Australia National Ban 263p. Over in insurance & Law came under p giving up 4p to 12d brokers Sedgwick Forb 290p and Willis Faber & 7p to 238p were both in In very quiet after trading there was no

trend.
Though most section: penny or so the leads to their 3.30 pm levels changed, oils improved ! gilts went a shade easi the new "tap" terms. Equity turnover ou-May £70.41m (17,500 ba Active stocks yesterday, ing to Exchange Tel were ICI, Bowater new Berisford, Dunlop new, Dfd, Bowater, Shell, B Ind and Dfd, GKN, Tecalemit, ICL, EMI,

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0.17(0.16)	10.71(10.04)	2.45(2.45)	· —	2.45
1.20(1.45*)	_:	1.31(1.31)	13/8	(6
††(0.47)	2.5(9.8)	1.74(1.58)	22/7	1.74
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0.27(0.29)	2.45(5.2)	1:43(1.27)	29/7	1.36
1.12(0.03)	17.39(0.22)	1.62(—)	15/7	2.84
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## **Brixton investment** portfolio now £84m

A December 1976 revaluation we are now receiving from re-of Brixton Estate's properties versions ", reversions providing revealed a £4.9m surplus taking a 22 per cent increase in the revealed a £4.9m surplus taking the group's investment portfolio to £60.9m. A further £22.9m of properties in course of development of interest on properties the group's investment portfolio to £60.9m. A further £22.9m of ment held in the group's books under development increases at cost bring the value of the the revenue charge here to portfolio as a whole to £83.8m to support a net asset per share

figure of 108p. revenue account, according to Mr Michael Verey, in his chair-

£2.7m part countered by a £2.2m transfer from reserves leaving net profits of £1.1m.

figure of 108p.

As one of the country's That asset backing will be largest industrial property increasingly reflected in the groups, Brixton has been one revenue account, according to able to start development wo Mr Michael Verey, in his chairman's statement to the group's 1976 accounts. Mr Verey comments in the improved economic climate for the property industry since the end of 1976—

"interest rates have fallen and there has been an improved example of the property planning consent through the community Land Acr which there has been an improvement." there has been an improvement in most lettings markers". He draws shareholders attention to "the substantial benefits which

## Rowland allegations are denied in S Africa

The Foreign Affairs Owen, announced the commissioning of an investigation into allegations of sanctionshas denied that the South African Government threatened Such as BP. Mr Fourie claims to know "nothing about this at over the question of Rhodesian over the question of Rhodesian sanctions busting by oil companies, Reuter cables from Johannesburg.

The press has quoted Mr. Africans to be saying that they Rowland, chairman of Lourbo, would prosecute subsidiaries of as saying in a telephone interview from London that Mr are mainly mining companies. Fourie had told him to stop Warrants of arrest were

Fourie had told him to stop Warrants of arrest were giving evidence against the oil issued in South Africa in 1973 and exhausts made firms or "we will pull the against Mr Rowland, Mr Angus the wholesaling of guildent on you":

The threat was made, Mr Rowland, and other Lonrho Rowland said, when the British Subsidiaries in South Africa, Foreign Secretary, Dr David on the Subsidiaries in South Africa, but subsequently withdrawn.

A Kwikwelcome to Mol 18

From next January 1 regulations come into leading beneficiary s Kwik-Fit (Tyres & I Holdings.

There is no doubt in of Mr Alex Stenson, c Writing in the account year to February 28 that there has already upsurge in demand for systems and shock and "this we expected sustained"

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Dorsman's sales in

two months of this sahead. In April Dorsm the International Auto bition in Amsterdam management is confi-this year will be as go As for J. C. Baker for bottled gas and alances rose last year."
man adds tersely: " group as long as it to be profitable. Last year group profits swept up from to £513,588. Tyre an

fitting starion sales more slowly, by 52 Kwik-Fit has been r consolidate after a depot openings but ready to add more. Of the £513,588 pr and exhausts made

**Business appointments** 

## Dunlop Holdings chairman-designate

Mr J. Campbell Fraser, managing director, is to be the next
chairman of Dunlop Holdings. He
will succeed Sir Resy Geddes, who
intends to retire after the annual
meeting in 1978.
Messrs P. R. Ekberg, J. R. C.
Sheldon and G. P. Welsh have
joined the board of News International.

national.

Mr John R. Wills has gone on

Mir John R. Wills has gone on to the board of Albright and Wilson, with effect from June 1. He was formerly managing director of their Detergents and Chemicals Group.

Sir William Harris has joined the board of Feachey Property.

Mr Michael Connor has been elected chairman of the Institute of Gredit Management and Lieutoff Credit Management and Chairman of the board of Royal Adrian Volker Group. Mr van den Driest succeeds Mr A. de Neef.

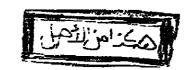
Mr Lim Yew Chan has joined the board of Batu Mataug Rubber Plantations.

Mr David R. Hicks has been made chief executive and director of Horsley Smith (Anglia).

Mr Harold H. Egginton has become managing director of come managing director of Addressograph-Multigraph.
Mr Barry M. Clark is now a director of the Metals Division of M. L. Alkan.

Mr C. H. Ellerton Johnston have joined t directors of Wade Por Mr J. E. Houghton a director of British streetions (Birmingha Mr M. J. Summerli made sales director Containers. Mr F. G. N. Thom. made finance director Mann and Truman Br follows the retirement

Mr P. W. Kininmo come chairman, Mr Willman managing c Mr C. A. Norman, c Mr D. H. Lee an exe tor of Krainmonth Noi Mr Harold Beverley gone on to the Med as works director.



**NCIAL NEWS** 

## Wer levelop faces up to challenge eeking faster growth

e earlier this month of the could expecting to main me £26.2m, gave the shareholders yester the group could not go much beyond this at the group could now this time in the year.

In the previous year Dunlop than made prestar profits of £73.3m on which it paid a 4.35p net divided the could be settled th

Druker Trading in the first three ports goods and in months of the current year got off to a good start and was lop Holdings, which generally better than in the one for three corresponding quarter in 1976. earlier this month. But beyond expecting to main-

r growth. Sir Reay in the previous year Dunlop tharman, told the salready recorded, I growth was on the some £43m, of which med to the United was spent in 1976 projects. The director of the interest of a significant was fallow reased costs, he said, seemed a significant was fallow reased costs, he said, seemed a significant was both a "challenge and an opportunity—to sustain a major presence in the heartland of the seemed and expansion at expansion and modernization and competitors would not be slow to do so. But the



Sir Reay Geddes.

group was now in strong fettle to take new initiatives. Growth prospects for its present activities were "encouraging".

He is to retire from the chairmonship at the end of the 1978 annual meeting. Mr J. Campbell Fraser, managing director, has been invited to

## & Euro bid 24p for New Bridge

unpany shareholdings ag Mr Tony Buckley's Walker period as an t adviser have begun ndon & European Ap a share bid for e Holdings. NB direcng 29.5 per cent of 3 acquired in November, 1976, at under re—recommend accep-

of NB which, in turn, 15 per cent of L & E cent having been arly in March, 1977). Guinness Mahon.

ANBURY TRUST 2p a share from Invest-ist Securities is being comply with Take Over

against profit of £71,000 after all charges, including tax relief of £108,800 (charge of £64,000). Loss a share 5.8p compared with earn-ings of 6.2p. No dividend against 3p ner.

e—recommend accepholds a further 8.3
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early in March, 1977).

holds 28 per cent of Irish Holdings, once Buckley's orbit. Half sold as 50 per cent stake in Tees olding in Harcourt is Storage to Unitank Storage for some £2.25m cach. Tees operate in bulk storage of chemicals and oll products. Additionally, company's loan of £175,000 to Tees has been repaid.

MID SOUTHERN WATER
Underwiting completed for offer by sales by tender of £5m hid Southern Water 8 per cent redeemable preference, 1982.
Brokers are Seymour Pierce.

METTOY DEVELOPMENTS METRUX DEVELOPMENTS

New subsidiary registered, Wembley Sportsmaster, to develop and extend range of sports goods. Substantial interest in group, its main distributors in France, has been acquired to help sales there.

LAIRD COMPENSATION Chairman of Laird Group mid amusal meeting that compensation proceeds will be reinvested in in-dustrial assets, including further development of existing group.

CROSSWALL REINSURANCE Hogg. Robinson Group, insurance brokers, Lloyd's underwriters and shipping, forwarding and travel agents, has formed Crosswall Re-insurance. It will offer specialist reinsurance service world-wide.

PAIRDALE TEXTILES Turnover for year to Jan. 29 down from £5m to £4.76m, but pre-rax profits up from £35,000 to £488,000. Total gross dividend raised from 1.45p to 1.6p.

KAISER ALUMINUM comply with Take Over redeemable preference, 1982.

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Of 1p from Colleagues.

WOLVERHAMPTON DIR

Chairman of Wolverhampton Die over stationary at £8.7m Casting Group tells shareholders of 1976 of £233,000 that formal offer by Mitchell 1974.—Renter.

## Parkland tops £1.8m and orders still roll

By Tony May

By Tony May

After three year's of declining profits, Parkland Textile (Holdings) has bounced back to a record £1.8m before tax for the year to March 4. This compares with £32,000 a year ago and was achieved on turnover up 39 per cent to £23.9m. After a tax charge of £688,000, compared with a credit of £5.000. pared with a credit of £5,000, profits are £1.1m against £38,000.

Shareholders of this Bradfordsharehousers of this Bradford-based worsted comber, spinner, and manufacturer, are to receive a second interim of 2.49p gross making a total for the year of 4.37p, against 1.30p, Earnings a share are raised from 0.22p to 17.39p.

The dividend is the maximum permitted but if the second in

reduced the group will consider a further payment. The group's shares shot up 5p to 43p on the results to give a yield of 10.1

per cent. Mr John Hasson, chamman, says that exports show a jump of 48 per cent, and current production is on target. Order books are satisfactory, and it is proposed to increase the level of expenditure. He says that prospects are good but depend upon a strong home market. This emphasizes the importance of the current discussions on the make fibre arrangements and Government awareness of the need for continual surveil-lance of cheap tetrile and clothing imports.

The group turned a loss of £167,000 into a profit of £674,000 for the half year to September 3. This "substantial improvement" in profits was achieved against a background of uncer-tainty in the textile industry and the country's economy. Order books were big and Mr J. L. Hanson, the chairman, expected the rest of the year to be successful.

In the event, the second half brought in a large profit of £1.1m. This is more than the group has achieved in a full year previously, and compared with £199,000 a year earlier.

At the group's subsidiar Smith Bulmer, a loss of £80,000 has been turned into a pre-tax profit of £355,000 for the year to March 4. Turnover of this dyer, re-comber, and spinner of white and coloured worsted yarns for weaving and knitting rose from £3.5m to £5.3m.

Metals, titanium pigments, paints, ceramic supplies and other chemicals in the UK and Europe, Australasia, South Africa, India and Canada.



#### Salient figures from the accounts (for each ordinary share of 50p)

	1975	1976
Group net assets	175.43p	205.84p
Earnings after tax	17.74p	25.43p
Net dividend	5.09p	5.59p
Capital expenditure including associates	29.55p	32.48p

#### racts from the annual statement to shareholders by the chairman, Ian Butler.

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comparison with 1975, the trends varied between ies and countries; higher profits were achieved. larly from ceramic supplies, some of the overseas operations and from a recovery at the discasting ny. Exports from UK subsidiaries increased from

to £24.6m.
r the associated companies Tioxide operated at much rofitable levels than in 1975, although the second 1976 was reduced by the initial operating cost of ig the new Spanish plant into production. The other ited companies, particularly those in Australasia, incd better profits than in 1975. summary of the Group profit before tax is set out

1975 1976 trading profit excluding £9.6m. £11.7m of profits of associates £10.6m £5.3m £22.3m £14,9m. terest payable by LIG and £1.2m £1.8m idiaries £20.5m £13.7m t profit after tax and minority. £9.3m £6.5m

orking capital requirements have inevitably inl, with the higher prices of raw materials, but the s short term borrowing remains well within the as available. It is important to maintain and improve tion facilities and during the year capital expenditure i million was incurred, the majority of this being

oup and its employees ring 1976 we suffered the loss of Mr. Stanley Davies. urman, who died suddenly in October, and Mr. David a managing director, who died in August. We have lost two close friends and extend our sympathy to their widows and their families.

In November, your board appointed me as chairman and I am grateful for the strong support and help that has been given by all the management in the changes brought about by these unexpected deaths.

It is difficult to find new words to express appreciation of the contribution that is made by all those who work in the Group. Many have suffered a fall in their living standards and in the differentials for skills and responsibilities, but have continued to work hard in spite of the fact that pay was restricted by the code, by higher taxation on promotion, and by increases in the cost of living. To all those I wish to convey thanks, not only of the directors, but also, I feel sure, of the shareholders, the customers and the suppliers all of whom, with these employees, have some dependence on the continued success of the Group.

We believe that operating a system of decentralised management allows better communication between all employees with, at the same time, the subsidiary companies having direct links with directors on the main board. As the management is made up of individuals, almost all of whom have progressed up through these companies, no standard approach to employee involvement is appropriate, but it is recognised by all that people want to know more today about their company's progress, its problems and its future. In LIC, as in many other companies, the executive directors are appointed because of their particular know-ledge and experience of LIG operations. Adoption of the system advocated by the Bullock majority report would mean that the body responsible for the direction of your Group would no longer have within it the current spread of specialist experience. Such a system would in due course similarly affect all the underlying companies, and would significantly reduce the promotion incentives of many

Although some areas in which the Group is involved have not had a particularly buoyant first quarter, there has been some overall increase in the UK and in many of the overseas operations, and orders continue at an encouraging

#### -issue of shares to imetal-

Extraordinary General Meeting of the company held 1 May it was agreed to issue to Imetal 4,801,223 new y shares at a price of 180p per share. Imetal has d that it has no intention of increasing its holding I the 25% reached by this issue.

oceeds of £8.64m are being held in foreign currency outside the UK to consolidate and develop overseas

markets and activities. LIG expects to continue its high level of investment in the UK and the issue will help in financing this by freeing resources which might otherwise be required tor overseas investment.

As an integral part of the issue it is intended to pay a net ordinary dividend for 1977 of 7.37p.

# DUNLOP

An international



Extracts from the Chairman, Sir Reay Geddes' speech at the 78th Annual General Meeting of the Company m London on Monday May 30th.

HE accounts before you report on the third successive year in which there was a rise in the Company's profits. In a period which was unhelpful for business, the results demonstrate the Company's underlying strength and the benefits of its product and geographical diversity.

We can now seek faster growth. This is reflected in our capital spending plans for the three years to end-1979. Even allowing for increased costs, they represent a significant increase. Just over a third of the total - some £84 million - will be spent in the United Kingdom for modernisation and expansion.

#### An International Company at Work

This capital expenditure programme represents a change of gear. But the emphasis will still be firmly placed on selective expansion.

The main criterion will continue to be profitability. But the term has wider implications. We, with our partners Pirelli, manufacture in 29 countries - in 30 when the new tennis ball factory in the Philippines comes into production - and we market our products standing, responsibility and competitiveness remains. in some 150 territories' round the world.

However, the European Economic Community remains both the head and heart of our operations. And despite the many problems of recent years, there are opportunities for profitable growth. It would be prudent to recognise that growth in the mature economies of the E.E.C. may well be slower than in many overseas countries in the next few years. Fortunately, we are now in a strong position to take new initiatives.

U.S.A., Malaysia and Nigeria, many developing countries are at the stage where the growth of road transport, electrification and communication networks will be rapid. Dunlop experience of tropical agriculture has led us into development work in the treatment of agricultural effluent. We are diversifying our North American activities with a new factory to make irrigation hose, in which we can justifiably claim to be world leaders, while our factories in the U.K. are being expanded to enable us to meet the growing demand elsewhere in the world.

Our knowledge of the water business and the need for irrigation has led us to establish a new division - Dunlop Irrigation Services. This is not just concerned with products but will provide consultancy services and management of large-scale irrigation projects primarily in the Third World. The division has obtained its first contract for a feasibility study in Egypt. In fact, the Middle East is an area of considerable interest and a number of studies are Company will then be 51, and of the Board as a under way for turnkey projects for tyres and consumer products.

The achievement of independence by many developing countries brought with it a surge of nationalism. This was often reflected in rejection of an open international system for the movement of goods, capital and 'know-how'. In the late 1960's and early 1970's, multinational companies were often portrayed as obstructing the aspirations of developing countries. But now they are learning that exclusive nationalism and government finance are not the only solutions.

# company at work

It is not without significance that there are now some 150 bilateral agreements for the protection of foreign investment signed by developing countries.

Just as the political environment is changing, so are the trading environments. As a result of inflationary pressures, there are government-imposed price controls in virtually every country where we operate, with the exception of Germany and the U.S.A. Many economists would argue that these price controls cannot, for long, achieve their primary purpose in restraining wage demands. Moreover, they bear most heavily on the large and visible firm; and there appears to be a danger that they will become semi-permanent features of the industrial environment.

In this situation, to achieve and maintain adequate profit margins means ever greater emphasis on cost saving and productivity. But response to competitive change and new investment suffer; so therefore does growth and the creation of new jobs. And that involves people.

#### **Participation**

Dunlop now employs 102,000 people, of whom 54,000 work outside the United Kingdom. Our expansion overseas has been achieved by harnessing the vitality, imagination and skills of many nationalities and races. In building the business, they have participated in it in the most practical and meaningful way possible. But the word 'participation' has taken on a highly political meaning.

There is no need to rehearse again the false and misleading comparisons with German experience which took place in a very different environment. Yet some people looked to the Bullock Enquiry to indicate a new way forward in industrial relations. We do not believe the report provided it. On the contrary, by concentrating on worker directors, it became fascinated by the tip of the iceberg; and so failed to relate properly to the nine-tenths beneath. Even the trade unions are divided.

The sceptical responses from all levels within Dunlop have made it clear that they are not interested in Board membership if it conflicts with their trade union's traditional role.

The need to induce a greater sense of under-If that can be achieved by a greater degree of participation, we should be prepared to put it to the test.

#### The Way Ahead

The performance of the last three years, the skills, and the international strength and vitality of the Company augur well for the future. So the Board felt the time appropriate to ask shareholders for additional funds in the form of the rights issue.

Although our borrowing facilities were adequate In addition to expansion of our operations in the for the foreseeable future, we decided that it was desirable to lower the proportion of borrowings to total funds employed and to be in a position to put more permanent capital into our subsidiaries. At the same time, we announced that unless there were any unforeseen circumstances, the dividend for 1977 on the increased capital would be increased to 5.3p per

#### The Board

One of the resolutions before the meeting is to elect Mr. J. R. Scott as a Director of Dunlop Holdings Ltd. Mr. Scott, who joined the Board of Dunlop Ltd. in 1975, has been with the Company for some 20 years in a number of senior posts at home and overseas, and is presently responsible for the Overseas Group. His election would strengthen the executive element of the Board.

It may be of interest to shareholders to know that the average age of the executive directors of the whole 56. As the improving results have shown, the management team at headquarters and in the field is strong.

On a more personal note, the business will be nearly 90 years old next year. I have served it for about half that time. I feel, therefore, that it would now be appropriate for me to tell you that it is my intention to retire from the Chairmanship at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in 1978. The Board proposes to invite Mr. Campbell Fraser. the Managing Director, to assume the Chairmanship of the Board on my retirement.



Copies of the speech, the Annual Report and Accounts. and "Report to U.K. Employees 1976" can be obtained from the Secretary, Dunlop Holdings Limited, 25 Ryder Street, London SWIY 6PX.

**DUNLOP HOLDINGS LIMITED** 

## Australia more buoyant for Homfray than home sector

in the carpet industry, Homfray nine months—its profits were managed a pre-tax profit of only £545,000 against £730,000 managed a pre-tax profit of £1.2m in the six months to April 2. This compares with a profit of £1.45m for the nine months to April 3 last year.

However, on a pro-rata comparison this year's figures show an underlying improvement of some 24 per cent, mainly as a result of a useful turnround to profits by the UK textile business and increased margins and profits in Australia. Pro rata the company made £968,666 in

the same six months last year. Total turnover was £18.9m against 524.3m for the nine months last year, or £16.2m pro-rata. While the UK carpet side was by far the biggest contri-

Wall is not now going to agree to the proposed five-year contract. As this changed "the information and proposals

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TRANSVAAL CONSOLIDATED LAND AND EXPLORATION

COMPANY LIMITED (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

> DECLARATION OF GIVIDEND NO. 75

Further to the interim report and dividend notice advertised in the press on 19th May, 1977 the conversion rate applicable to payments in UK currency of the above-mentioned dividend is \$1+81.49755 equivalent to 20.03666p per share.

United Kingdom Registrars and Transfer Agents : Charler Consolidated Limited, PO Box 102.

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y Desmond Quigley butor in terms of turnover— fray sells to the high volume Despite the trying conditions £13.6m against £17.7m for the low-to-middle end of the maronly £545,000 against £730,000 ar the top end of the range. on a nine-month basis. This In Australia, the up market compares with the Australian area has not been so affected carpet group which made as the cheaper end by heavy compares with the Australian as the cheaper end by neary 2638,000 this year on sales of domestic over-capacity and 53.98m against £760,000 on turn-highly competitive imports.

An unchanged interim divi-

six months this year were a mere 4 per cent compared with the 16 per cent made by the Australian side. On pro-rata figures, the UK margins actually fell marginally compared with last year, while the Australian margins increased a full

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months.

Protax profit margins in the UK carpet business in the first full 10 per cent increase to be applied to the final to make a total gross distribution of 10.58p to give a prospective yield of 18 per cent at 58p. With expected pre-tax profits of £23m for the full year the 7.8p earnings per share would not leave the potential net dividend six points.

The disparity is partly due to the fact that in the UK Hom-

## Phoenix tussle goes on: Wall deal off

Reliance placing

Until now Reliance Knitwear has been on the mend; now it seems to be fully mended. Pretax profits for the year to April 30 were at least 5770,000

April 30 were at least \$770,000 against £384,000 in the first six months, and a profit of only £114,000 in the full year 1975-76. The dividend is to be 4.36p gross after only 1.53p in 1975-76.

of the post-sale period, pre-tax profits are up by 15 per cent to £449,000. Half-year dividends have been increased to 1.38p a

The meeting called to pass hefore shareholders". Mr a resolution for the merger of Phoenix Mining & Finance with Clohe & Phoenix Gold Mining Shareholders attending voted Shareholders attending voted was adjourned vesterday.

The Shareholders' Protection Committee, which is in favour of the merger but against the acquisition of Worldwide Group, plans to change the group's board and dispose of the report and accounts and against the segrices of Wall 2.

group's board and dispose of report and accounts and against the services of Wall & Co. the re-election of Sir John acts as executive Charles.

#### Cowie-Colmore

Strongly placed though it is to win Colmore Investments with its 30 per cent stake, Sunderland based T. Cowie the Ford and Chrysler dealer and beginning to feel the benefit Red Dragon credit concern, is sweetening its 22p a share offer for Colmore. Cowie is now throwing in its interim dividend for this year. This interim is 0.66p net or 1p gross a share. Cowie has a good record—in three years pre-tax profits have gone from £372,000 to £932,000 and in the six months to March 31 they jumped 57 per cent to £510,000. By contrast, Col-

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#### Company Meeting Notices

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at Amsterdam will convene a med-ing of their notices of centricates in the "Industrielo Glub" Dam 27. Amsterdam on June 15, 1977, at 10.30 p.m. 10 30 pm.
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## **BMW** sees slow-down in growth

Munich, May 30.—Bayerische Motorenwerke expects a 4 to 5 per cent rise in car production and unit sales this year. This is compared with 24 and 22 per cent increases in 1976, according to the chairman, Herr Eberhard Von Kuenheim.

Production in the first four months this year rose 9 per Cent over the same period to 102,000 units. Parent company turnover was up 20 per cent to DM1,700m (about £404.7m) with orders in hand now at a record level.

BMW will probably be unable to maintain its proposed 1976 cash dividend of DM10 this year because of the extra tax burden imposed by Germany's corporation tax reform, Hera year heral and said the said tax burden imposed by Germany's corporation tax reform, Heral year had a said tax tax burden and tax tax burden and tax tax burden and tax burden an

Von Kuenheim said. But he said that when the tax credit due to domestic shareholders, included in the reform, was taken into account tue net payout was bound to rise.—Reuter.

#### Hitachi progress

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Industries Co of Japan, and
Hitachi Shipbuilding &
Engineering report higher net
profits in the year ended March
31. Mitsui Engineering &
Shipbuilding, the fourth largest Shipbuilding, the fourth largest shipbuilder in Japan, showed a 33.8 per cent decline in net profit. Ishikawajima-Harima's net profit rose 23.5 per cent to 11.700m yen (about £234m) from 9,400m yen. Sales rose 11.4 per cent to 696,100m yen from 624.9m yen in the previous

## Afflied London Properties is beginning to feel the benefit of last year's £7.1m sale of its Hounslow Centre. Interest cost elimination clearly outweighs revenue from the scheme and although its half-year profits to end December, 1976, take in only three months of the post-sale period, pre-tax CSR-Hardie deal

James Hardie Asbestos of Australia and CSR have agreed Australia and CSK nave agreed to the sale of the asbestos cement interests of Wunderlich to James Hardie & Co for SA19m cash (about £11.8m). James Hardie is a whollyowned subsidiary of James Hardie Asbestos and Wunderlich lich a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSR.

## Commodities

THE TIMES TUESDAY MAY 31 1977

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Chairman Mr Joseph Godber told AGM that he expected a steady growth in profits this year. On Thistle Field, he said

wine Spillera is taking action to carry through long-term strategy which should bring "substantially improved results", many vital factors affecting profitability in food industry are now largely influenced by Government action, says chairman.

#### Foreign Exchange

With New York and other major centres closed, activity was very limited on foreign exchanges yesterday. Nevertheless sterling was able to close with a small gain at 1.7174 compared with 1.7170 at Friday's close. The effective exchange rate was unchanged at 51.6 after briefly easing to 61.5 at the noon calculation. Some selling during the early afterneon was attributed to commercial tidying up of end-month positions, but dealers said in subsequent trading sterling held relatively steady.

The dollar meanwhile, spent an uneventful session losing a little

uneventful session losing a little ground to the Deutschmark at 2.3545 (2.3575), Swiss fram 2.5030 (2.5055), and Dutch guilder 2.4590 (2.4640).

Italy was one of the few countries with centres open and the lira was able to harden in stollar terms to \$85.60 (885.80).

Gold closed in London at \$144.125 an ounce, down \$0.50 ou Friday's close. This is sligntly better than the low \$143.375 to which the price fell last Thursday.

#### **Spot Position** of Sterling



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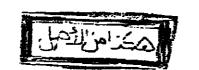
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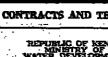
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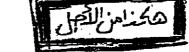
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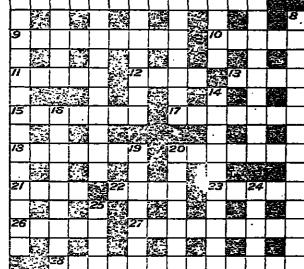
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